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March 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1401,  
New York, New York.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

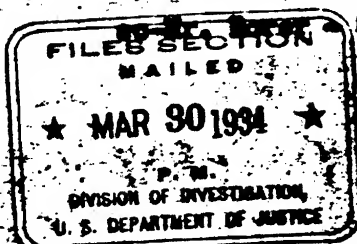
Reference is made to Division letter dated  
March 28, 1934, wherein it is stated that you will be  
furnished with the criminal record, as disclosed by the  
files of the Identification Unit, of one Leon Kramer,  
alias Leon Miller, #78765, Sing Sing Prison, Ossining,  
New York.

The criminal record is enclosed herewith.

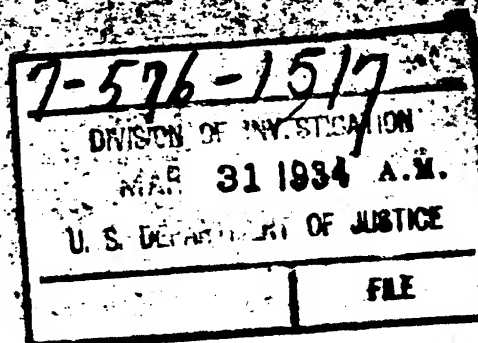
Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 954025



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Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
105 W. Adams  
Chicago Illinois

March 29, 1934.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communication to you with regard to the wire tap which is being maintained on the telephone of [redacted] Illinois.

Please be advised that a review of the log which is maintained by this office daily, of all out-going and in-coming calls to and from the [redacted] Hayes residence, fails to disclose any information of value.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 28, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is had to Director's letter of  
March 26, 1934, requesting advice concerning employment  
of confidential informants by the St. Paul office since  
January 31, 1932.

Please be advised that no confidential  
informants have been employed by the St. Paul office during  
that period. I understand there is a confidential inform-  
ant employed at the present time under Mr. Rorer in connec-  
tion with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

In the Leo Varne Henkey, with aliases (de-  
ceased) et al; Charles Speticher II, Victim, Kidnaping Case  
one [redacted] was employed, however, this employment was  
affected not through the St. Paul office but originally  
through the Division and the Portland, Oregon office. It  
is my understanding that this informant was not given any  
specific or stated compensation other than transportation  
and some subsistence.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HAMIL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis

FILE NO. 3-43

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT  
St. Louis, Mo.

TITLE  
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FRED BARKER, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Federal Game Warden Stephen Creech, Peoria, Ill., of opinion Beardstown, Ill. locality where hideout located. Investigation at Beardstown and Macomb, Ill. failed to verify sounds and noises establishing location of hideout. Big Homer Wilson unknown to Peoria Police Dept. think possibly individual may be George Anstis, alias Johnie. Hartmann Bros. Farm Agency, Peoria, sold a Minneapolis, Minn. papers to individual who may have been Alvin Karpis. Identification not made.

REFERENCE

St. Paul Division Office letters, dated 2-27-34 and 3-2-34, directed to St. Louis Division Office, and report of Special Agent M. E. Rhodes, Chicago, Ill., 3-2-34.

DETAILS:

Upon interviewing Stephen Creech, Federal Game Warden, Post Office Building, Peoria, Ill., concerning the location of a community which the various sounds and noises set forth in St. Paul Division Office letters dated February 27, 1934 and directed to all Game Wardens located in cities in the St. Louis Division Office territory, he at first declined to supply any information, stating he was not known for what purpose, or in connection with what information was desired whereupon Mr. Creech advised he had discussed the matter with the Post Office Inspector and felt positive that his conversation with the instant case. Confirmation of Mr.

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belief that this inquiry was connected with this case was not made by this agent, but after further discussion with Mr. Creech he stated it was his opinion that Beardstown, Ill., was a locality where all of the noises referred to in the form letters could be detected. Mr. Creech then stated that there was a loud, stationary siren on the City Hall and that this siren was of a deep tone and was sounded three times whenever there was a fire; further, that there was a second siren located at the City Square across from the Telephone Company which was a shrill siren used by the telephone operator to summon police, only at night when they could not be reached by telephone.

Mr. Creech further stated that possibly a siren might be used by a school and stated Chief of Police George Farrar would be able to advise agent relative thereto; further, that the citizenry of Beardstown maintained several churches, all of which had bells, and all of which could be heard from any one point. It was also ascertained from Mr. Creech that the C. B. & Q. R. R. runs directly through Beardstown, parallel to the main highway intersecting that village, and also that the village was accessible from the north and east only by crossing a bridge.

Relative to an airport in the vicinity of Beardstown, Mr. Creech stated there was none, however, that a man from Aronsville, Ill., owns a plane and might possibly fly over Beardstown. It was the opinion of Mr. Creech that the noise referred to as that of an airplane was probably that of a four cylinder outboard motorboat, he pointing out that these two noises were very similar.

Concerning any trouble had by Game Wardens with individuals violating the game laws, particularly those laws relative to the catching of fish, Mr. Creech stated that at all times net fishing and pole fishing out of season was troubling the State Game Wardens in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.

According to Mr. Creech, there is no other locality in the territory covered by him in which the sounds and noises set forth in the form letters referred to above may be heard. Mr. Creech's territory includes that portion of Illinois north of an imaginary line drawn between Hannibal, Mo. and Danville, Ill. and all of the State of Indiana, north of a line drawn from the State line of Indiana to Terre Haute, Ind., including Indianapolis and Elkhart, north to Lake Michigan and to Michigan City; further, Mr. Creech works upon special assignments throughout the United States, particularly in Wisconsin.

Mr. Creech, assuming that the referred to inquiry was made for the purpose of locating a house in which a kidnaped victim had been held, stated that same might possibly be a houseboat, and in this connection that there was such a houseboat located on the Illinois River near Beardstown, Ill., formerly owned by Frank MacErlane, now deceased, which houseboat was a very elaborate affair and frequented by numerous Chicago hoodlums. This houseboat has its own lighting and water systems and is heated by modern stoves. Mr. Creech then stated that he felt that he should be supplied with additional information as to the nature of the case in question, inasmuch as through him, and only him, the hideout in the Dr. Barker kidnaping case in Peoria, Ill., was located, he feeling he could be of considerable assistance to the Division in any case where a hideout in his territory was sought.

Mr. L. W. Butler, Manager, Kaiser-Van Leer Co., 505 N. East St., Bloomington, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent E. L. Damron of this office. Mr. Butler exhibited an invoice showing the receipt of two #524 Casco goggles with #6 Casco weld lens, the invoice being dated October 14, 1932. He stated that this invoice also contained a memorandum to the effect that one pair of these goggles was sold to the Hub Welding Company of Bloomington, but they had no record of the disposition of the remaining pair. Upon questioning his employees it was ascertained that it was believed the remaining pair was sold to an employee of the machine shops of the Alton Railway. These goggles were sold at retail and no record kept of the sale.

Mr. Butler stated further that by invoice dated August 18, 1935 they received eight additional pairs of these goggles, but the same are now in stock.

Mr. Sam W. Norris, of the Hub Welding Company, 512 S. Center St., Bloomington, stated to Agent Damron that during the Fall of 1932 he had the Kaiser-Van Leer Company order a pair of these goggles for his partner, W. T. Wolcott, to be used by Mr. Wolcott in the business and over his usual glasses; that subsequently they received a pair of these goggles from the Kaiser Van-Leer Company and Mr. Wolcott used them in his business, but about July, 1933 someone stole them from him while working in the machine shops of the Alton Railway; that they then obtained another pair from the Kaiser-Van Leer Company, but a short time later Mr. Wolcott found the missing pair and they now have both pairs.

One pair of these goggles was, at the time of the interview, being used by an employee, and the goggles were examined by Agent Damron. Interview with Mr. W. T. Wolcott, 406 Hove Avenue, Normal, Illinois, disclosed that he still has the other pair of goggles, and neither of them has been out of his possession except for the six days that pair number one was missing. The second pair of goggles was located and examined at the Hub Welding Company.



Upon interviewing Chief of Police George W. Farrar of Beardstown, Ill. he stated that there was a loud, deep toned siren mounted on top of the fire station in Beardstown, which siren blows only when there is a fire and then it is blown in three long blasts. This siren is never sounded at any stated time.

Upon interviewing Robert Stinson, Fire Chief, Beardstown, he examined his records and advised that there was not a fire in Beardstown on January 28, 1934, however, on January 29, 1934 at 11:45 P. M. there was a fire, at which time the fire siren was blown in three blasts for the purpose of summoning all voluntary firemen. The Fire Department in Beardstown is a voluntary department, there being no paid officers.

Chief of Police Farrar further stated that there is a siren on the C. B. & Q. R. R. bridge across the Illinois River and also one on the wagon bridge crossing the Illinois River, which sirens are blown only to signal to boats which desire to have the draw in these bridges used to permit their passing under the bridge; that there is also a siren used by the police which is mounted in the City Square of Beardstown and operated by the local telephone operator. This siren is of the same tone as that used by the above referred to bridges and is sounded only at night when police officers are desired and cannot be reached by telephone. None of the last three mentioned sirens blow at any stated times and when the police siren is sounded it continues blowing until answered by some police officer.

Concerning a factory whistle, Chief Farrar stated that the C. B. & Q. R. R. have a large deep toned whistle which blows two times at 6:30 A. M. and one time at 7:00 A. M. every day except Sunday; further, that this whistle also blows at noon, 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. every day, except Sunday, the whistle being used for the purpose of informing the C. B. & Q. employees of the time of day. According to Chief Farrar there are no other whistles in Beardstown and he knows of no whistle which only blows during the morning of week days.

Referring to the bridge sirens, Agent interviewed Mr. Wesley Perry, head bridge tender on the wagon bridge, U. S. Highway 67, crossing the Illinois River between the points of Beardstown and Rushville, Ill., at which time he advised this siren was installed on March 4, 1934, prior to which time no siren was in use. Mr. Perry added that this siren sounds one blast when a boat coming down or going up the river is to stop. The draw bridge is then moved and the siren is sounded in two blasts to signal the boat to pass under the bridge. An examination of Mr. Perry's records concerning the number of boats and when they passed under the wagon bridge at Beardstown during the month of January, 1934 developed there was



not a single boat which necessitated the use of the draw bridge, and in any event there was no siren on this bridge at that time.

On interviewing Mr. E. A. Williams, Bridge Tender for the C. B. & Q. R. R. on the railway bridge crossing the Illinois River between Beardstown and Rushville, Ill., he advised that his bridge has been equipped with a siren for several years and that this siren was used to signal to pilots of boats whenever the draw bridge was opened. During the month of January, 1934 the C. B. & Q. draw bridge was opened for boats to pass up or down the river on the 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 23rd and 25th. The siren on this bridge is of a shrill tone and is sounded in four blasts when a boat is signaled to stop and await the moving of the draw bridge and after the bridge is moved the siren is sounded in one blast to signal the boat to pass through.

Concerning the ringing of church bells or school bells in Beardstown, Chief Farrar stated that there are no church bells in that city which are sounded on Saturday afternoons, however, there are a number of churches, all with bells, approximately six in number, which are sounded on every Sunday morning and all of these bells can be heard from any point where any one bell can be heard. These church bells are sounded at about 9:45 A. M. on Sunday for Sunday School and at 11:00 A. M. on Sunday for church.

Concerning the noise of a switching locomotive, Chief Farrar advised that Beardstown is a C. B. & Q. railway division point and that the roundhouse and yards are located about 1 1/2 miles away from the city proper; that there are three switch engines in use during the daytime and two switch engines in use during the night in the railroad yards. The Beardstown division is considered a coal hauling division and there are numerous freight trains passing through that city, however, it is impossible to hear switch engines in use from the city proper of Beardstown.

In this connection agent obtained from H. W. Shaw, station agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., the following schedule of trains which passed through Beardstown during the month of January, 1934:

Southbound daily Passenger trains

No. 82	St. Paul, Minn. to St. Louis, Mo.	2:20 A. M.
No. 83	" " " " " "	1:30 P. M.
No. 12	Beardstown to Metropolis, Ill.	6:45 A. M. (except Sunday)

Northbound daily Passenger trains

No. 51	St. Louis, Mo. to St. Paul, Minn.	1:40 P.M.
57	" " " " " "	12:30 P.M.
11	Harris to Beardstown, Ill.	7:30 P.M. (except Sunday)

Southbound daily Freight trains

No. 80	Galesburg to E. St. Louis, Ill.	5:30 P.M.
72	Beardstown to Centralia, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
70	Chicago, Ill. to Paducah, Ky.	5:00 A.M.

Northbound daily Freight trains

No. 73	Local	4:40 P.M.
77	"	5:30 A.M.

In addition to the above freight trains there are tri-weekly freights, which are locals and stop at all platforms.

The B. & O. R. R. also operates a line through Beardstown, Ill. and the schedule of that railroad during the month of January, 1934 is as follows:

Eastbound daily Passenger train

No. 40	Beardstown to Flora, Ill.	5:00 P.M.
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Westbound daily Passenger train

No. 41	Flora to Beardstown, Ill.	11:10 A.M.
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Westbound daily Freight train

No. 77	Local	9:50 A.M.
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Eastbound daily Freight train

No. 76	Local	10:25 A.M.
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Chief Farrar then stated that there is no airplane landing field in the vicinity of Beardstown, Ill.; that Beardstown is not located on any regular air route and that no planes are usually heard or seen flying over or about Beardstown.

Chief Farrar stated that to his knowledge he had heard of no trouble occasioned by the Game Wardens of the State or the Government in connection with illegal fishing during the month of January, 1934.

When conducting investigation at Macomb, Ill., Chief of Police C. G. Paulsgrove and Detective (investigator) Paul Sakle of the Local Police Dept. were contacted at which time it was learned that Hemp & Co. has a small, shrill toned, siren which is used for the purpose of informing their employees of the time of day.

Agent interviewed Mr. C. R. Wright, manager of Hemp & Co., North White St., Macomb, Ill., who advised that the siren used by his company is sounded at 7:00 A. M., 12:00 noon, 3:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M. daily, except Sunday. During agent's presence at Hemp & Co. this siren was heard, it being a very shrill tone and not large enough to be heard over several blocks from the plant, in fact this siren cannot be heard at the City Hall in Macomb, which is located approximately 12 to 15 blocks from the Hemp & Co. plant.

This is the only siren which blows at stated times in the City of Macomb, Ill. Mr. Wright was interviewed concerning the possibility of the sounding of this siren on January 28, 1934 and advised that he had no record of the siren being blown on that date.

Concerning any other sirens located in the city of Macomb, it was ascertained that the Fire Department had three movable, loud, deep toned sirens mounted on the three fire trucks, but that these sirens did not blow at any stated time and only when a fire was reported.

Fire Chief F. D. Wilson advised from his records that on January 28, 1934 there were three fires reported, one at 5:40 P. M., another at 5:30 P. M. and another at 9:00 P. M. The 3:40 and 5:30 fires were in the country east and north of Macomb and the 9:00 fire was in the city proper. According to Chief Wilson the sirens are very seldom used when going to a fire unless the fire truck must pass through a congested district.

Concerning the blowing of a factory whistle, it was ascertained that the Dickey plant west of the city proper of Macomb and the Buckeye Pottery plant both have whistles which blow at 7:00 A. M. in the morning and also at noon, but not in the evening. These whistles can be heard for quite some distance, however, the siren cannot be heard at such distance as can the whistles.



Concerning the ringing of church or school bells, the above named individuals all stated that no bells in Macomb, Ill., ever sounded on Saturday afternoon, however, there are several church bells which sound at about 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. on Sunday mornings. The above individuals insisted that should there be any occasion for a church bell to ring on Saturday afternoon they would most certainly have knowledge thereof.

In Macomb, Ill. the city reservoir, better known as the City Lake, is stocked with game fish. Mr. Alfred Rush is caretaker of this reservoir or lake and he advised he had not in many years had any trouble with anyone endeavoring to take fish from the lake.

The closest cities to Macomb, Ill. where street cars are operated are Quincy and Peoria, Illinois.

Ray Vail, the State Game Warden, at Macomb, according to information received from him by Mr. Eakle upon Agent's request, has had no trouble with children or anyone else catching fish illegally or out of season in the vicinity of Macomb.

Mr. Harry L. Clugston operates a private airport some three miles north of Macomb on U. S. Highway No. 67 and upon interviewing him he supplied the following log of planes in his possession and stored at his hangar:

Date	Hours in Air
1-15-34	5
18	1 - 40 min.
19	4 - 15 min.
20	4 - 40 min.
21	1 - 20 min.
22	1 - 30 min.
2-4-34	2 - 35 min.
5	2 - 40 min.
11	2 - 20 min.
14	5
17	5

All of the above flying was in the immediate vicinity of Macomb, Ill. and was done by air students.

Concerning the noise of a switch engine in the vicinity of Macomb, Ill., the following train schedules were obtained from Mr. A. J. Peterson, C. B. & Q. station agent at that point:

Northbound daily		
No. 56	Passenger train	4:10 A. M.
70	Freight	5:05 A. M.
95	"	6:10 A. M.
19	Passenger	8:58 A. M.
		(except Sunday)
Wayfreight	To Bushnell only	12:00 to 1:30 P. M.
No. 4	Passenger	2:22 P. M.
74	"	3:30 P. M.
"	"	10:45 P. M.
Southbound daily		
No. 5	Passenger	5:05 A. M.
7	"	7:56 A. M. (ex Sunday)
Extra	Freight	7:00 A. M.
No. 75	"	10:30 A. M.
Wayfreight	"	12:00 noon
No. 11	Passenger	6:51 P. M.
55	"	11:30 P. M.

The Macomb railroad yards are located on the outskirts of the city limits about a mile from the Hemp & Co. factory and from 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. one switch engine is in use. From 12:00 to about 3:30 P. M. this switch engine is at Bushnell, Ill. and from 3:30 to about 5:00 P. M. is in use at Macomb, Illinois.

During agent's presence in Macomb, Chief of Police Roy Stine of Bushnell, Ill. was interviewed at which time he referred to the letter directed to the Division at St. Paul, Minn. by Mayor A. Brady on February 27, 1934 and advised that Bushnell had a small siren which sounded only when there was a fire and that the other noises set forth in the form letter were not to be heard in Bushnell. In view of this contact no further investigation was made at Bushnell, Ill.

In an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual Homer Wilson, aliases, "Big Homer", "Big Jim", "Big Moose", Charley Stone and Charley Potatoes, Chief of Detectives Fred Montgomery and Chief of Police Williams of Peoria, Ill. advised no such individual was known to them, that is the individual described in the reference report under the name of "Big Homer", however, Chief of Detectives Montgomery did recall having taken into custody one George Austin, alias Joknis, from East St. Louis, Ill. during the month of June, 1928 charged with auto larceny. Chief Montgomery stated he specifically recalls going to East St. Louis where

he obtained custody of George Austin. Chief of Detectives Montgomery expressed a belief that perhaps George Austin might be the individual known as "Big Homer", but insisted he had never heard of such an alias for Austin.

Through the assistance of the Superintendent of Identification, Peoria Police Dept., William F. Busch, a photograph of George Austin, alias Yoknis, Peoria PD #5128, was obtained from which it is noted that Austin was described on June 19, 1928 as follows:

Name	George Austin, alias Yoknis,
Age	32 (Born Chicago, Ill.)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium dark
Date of Arrest	[REDACTED]
Crime	[REDACTED]

A photograph of this George Austin was obtained from the Peoria Police Department and the same is herewith transmitted to the St. Paul Division office with their copies of this report. A request for the fingerprints of Austin has been made, however, to date said fingerprints have not been received at the St. Louis Division office.

The following criminal record of Austin was obtained from the Peoria, Ill. Identification Bureau:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery then advised that the only individual who, in their opinion, corresponded with the description of "Big Homer", as set forth in the reference re-



port, was one Opie Wilson who operates the Palace Arcade, a gambling establishment at Madison and Main Sts., Peoria. This individual is described as being fifty years of age, 5' 2" to 4" in height, weighing 225 pounds, hair gray, eyes light, criminal record none.

Chief of Police Williams and Chief of Detectives Montgomery advised Opie Wilson has never been arrested in Peoria or elsewhere, to their knowledge, however, it was well known in the past that his establishment was often frequented by John Klutas and Edward Boll when they were operating in the vicinity of Peoria.

On March 16, 1934 Special Agent J. M. Baker of this office interviewed Mr. Ross Saunders at the American Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., at which time Mr. Saunders stated he could not produce a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson and that so far he had failed to obtain this photograph.

Upon contacting George W. Hartmann and Frank R. Hartmann, operating what is known as the Hartmann News Agency, room B-1, Central National Bank Bldg., Main and Adams St., Peoria, Ill., it was ascertained that this news agency has been handling the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune newspaper for possibly the past ten years, receiving two copies thereof daily, which newspapers have been sold over a news stand to any individual who called for same. The Hartmann News Agency has no special customer for this particular paper and it is the only paper from the Twin Cities which has been handled by them.

Upon further inquiry Mr. George Hartmann stated he had sold a March 2, 1934 edition of the Minneapolis Tribune to an individual who inquired as to whether the Hartmann News Agency carried the Sunday edition of this paper and when this individual was advised in the affirmative he inquired as to whether said news agency ever handled the Journal and also inquired as to whether St. Paul papers were sold at said agency. Said individual was advised that the only paper which was handled by this agency was the Minneapolis, Minn. Tribune. On Monday, March 5, 1934, at about 5:30 P. M. this same individual called at said news stand and purchased a Sunday, March 4, 1934, copy of the Minneapolis Tribune. This purchase was made from Frank R. Hartmann.

Upon displaying the group photograph of Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, to Mr. Frank R. Hartmann, he stated that the picture of Alvin Karpis looked similar to the individual who had purchased the Sunday paper mentioned above, however, he added he did not observe this individual closely and could not state in fact whether he was identical with Alvin Karpis. This same

group photograph was shown to George Hartmann who was unable to even attempt an identification, adding he had only slightly noticed the individual who purchased the Friday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, as reflected above.

Inasmuch as it was possible that Alvin Karpis was the individual who purchased the Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, agent maintained a surveillance of the news stand of Hartmann Bros. from 4:00 P. M. on March 6, 1934 to 9:00 P. M. and from 10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. on March 7, 1934 for the purpose of observing any individual who might call for a Minneapolis or St. Paul newspaper. This surveillance was maintained without result inasmuch as no one called for the papers referred to.

Agent caused the Hartmann Brothers to examine the picture of Alvin Karpis, as well as the other photos appearing on the same panel, in detail, and requested that in the event anyone bearing a resemblance to these individuals called for a St. Paul or Minneapolis newspaper that the St. Louis Division office be advised immediately by telephone, the address and telephone number of said office being supplied both the Hartmann brothers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Peoria, Ill. will contact the Police Dept. for fingerprints of George Austin, alias Yoksis, and supply same to the St. Paul Division Office.

Further, Ross Saunders, American Hotel, St. Louis, will be contacted in the near future in an effort to obtain a photograph of "Big Homer" Wilson.

PENDING.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **9-50**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHARLOTTE, N. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/31/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. D. BICKERSON.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - (Victim).</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North Carolina and South Carolina requested to search records for any information concerning Subjects or automobiles used by them.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, was requested by letter to notify the Charlotte Division Office if his records disclosed or in the future should disclose any information concerning Subjects, or the listed automobiles known to have been used by them. A similar request was made of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>L. B. Cline</i> <b>Acting Special Agent in Charge</b>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>APR 2 1934</b>	
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS - CHARLOTTE OFFICE, AT RALEIGH,  
NORTH CAROLINA, will in the near future contact Mr. L. S. Harris,  
Director, Motor Vehicle Bureau, and examine the Motor Vehicle  
Registration records as outlined in letter of reference to ascer-  
tain if any information can be obtained relating to Subjects or  
automobiles used by them.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA - will make similar in-  
vestigation of records in the office of Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup,  
Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Highway Department.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-56**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-15/21-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Dwight Brantley</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Glen Roy Wright and several others arrested near Mannford, Oklahoma, 3-15-34. Wright would give no information concerning himself nor any suspects in this case. Money on person of Wright and others checked against money paid for ransom with negative result. No information obtained suspects this case purchasing newspapers at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent E. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-19-34.

**DETAILS:** Special Agent E. E. Hollis submitted a memorandum with respect to a raid made by officers near Mannford, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1934, and upon which said Agent Hollis was present. The memorandum is quoted as follows:

**DETAILS:** "On the night of March 14, 1934, Captain Stewart advised me that further information had been received to the effect that Wright and others were possibly located at a farm seven miles west of Mannford, Oklahoma. About 7:00 o'clock on the morning of March 15, I accompanied Captain George Stewart and officers from the Tulsa Police Department, together with representatives of the offices of the sheriffs of Creek and Payne Counties and other officers, on a raid conducted at the farm of E. R. Braddock, seven miles west of Mannford. On this raid the officers took into custody eight individuals, identified as follows:

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- 4/13/35
- (1) Glen Roy Wright
  - (2) Charles Cotner
  - (3) J. W. Moates
  - (4) Frank Downey, alias Nick Peterson
  - (5) Ed Brodie, alias Ed Brophy, alias Phil Burns, alias Edward Bynum, alias Pete Collins
  - (6) L. R. Brackett
  - (7) Grace Cuckler
  - (8) Winnie Morris

"The above individuals were taken to the County Jail at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; however, before any opportunity was had to question them, a large crowd had collected around the court house, and Sheriff Willis Strange of Creek County decided it would be best to remove at least five of the men to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for safe keeping. I accompanied Sheriff Strange, Captain Stewart, and others, to the McAlester Penitentiary with the following persons:

- Glen Roy Wright
- Charles Cotner
- J. W. Moates
- Frank Downey
- Ed Brodie

"I questioned Glen Roy Wright at length concerning his association with Harry Campbell, the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, and others of this gang; however, the only information which Wright would furnish was that he and Campbell had been associated together a great deal. He would make no statement as to where Harry Campbell was located at the present time; nor would he give any information regarding the Barkers or Alvin Karpis. Wright talked at length regarding various robberies which he had committed. He has now been removed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he is awaiting trial on a charge of robbery with firearms.

"I also interviewed Charles Cotner, but he stated he had no information regarding the Barkers or Karpis.

"J. W. Moates, when interviewed, advised that he had never heard of Fred or Doc Barker, or Alvin Karpis. He stated that he had just arrived at the farm a day or so prior to the raid and was not acquainted with any of the men who were apprehended there.

"Ed Brodie and Frank Downey refused to furnish any information.

"I also interviewed Grace Cuckler and Winnie Morris. Winnie Morris admitted that she had been traveling around the country with Charles Dotner, and Grace Cuckler stated that she had been associated with Frank Downey. Both of these women professed not to know anything regarding the activities of their respective men companions.

"The following \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills were found in possession of Mrs. Grace Cuckler:

\$5.00 Bills: J 00070430 A  
J 00048600 A  
F 042157 A  
B 83206970 A  
A 005248

\$10.00 Bills: A 584210 A  
J 05241814 A  
H 00675047 A  
J 00958744 A  
J 06069811 A

"The following \$5.00 bills were in possession of Glen Roy Wright:

F 004311 A  
F 004585 A  
J 00104112 A  
C 45905261 A  
C 19216163 A  
L 13227392 A

"In addition to the above currency, Wright had in his possession nine \$20.00 bills which have been determined to be counterfeit. The Secret Service Department at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has made an investigation, and a complaint was filed against Wright by Mr. Baker, an Operative in the United States Secret Service. The complaint was filed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1934.

"Ed Brodie had in his possession the following currency:

\$5.00 Bills: A 004948  
A 018570  
A 004485 A  
A 015005  
A 028103  
J 05196646 A  
C 44916362 A  
C 21027415 A  
C 87479355 A

C 37482885 A  
C 40134425 A  
C 42767535 A

\$10.00 Bills: J 00260663 A  
C 002981 A

\$20.00 Bills: F 002313 A  
B 000834 A

"At the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie were photographed and fingerprinted. Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the Penitentiary, advised me that he would forward photographs of these parties to the Oklahoma City office. I secured copies of the fingerprints of all parties arrested at the farm of I. H. Brackett and forwarded same to the Division at Washington. I am attaching hereto, for the Oklahoma City files, copies of the fingerprints of Wright, Cotner, McAttee, Downey and Brodie.

"At the time of the raid, there were also recovered three stolen automobiles, as follows :

- (1) 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3607351.  
This car was stolen at Yale, Oklahoma.  
No information was available as to the name of the owner or the date of the theft. This car is believed to have been in possession of Cotner.
- (2) Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3821135.  
This car was stolen at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, November 24, 1935; owner, J. H. Robson. Glen Roy Wright admitted the theft of this car at Sapulpa.
- (3) 1933 V-8 Ford Truck.  
I did not secure the motor number of this car as the information was not in possession of the sheriff's office, and I did not have an opportunity to examine the Ford truck. However, it has been definitely identified as being the property of the Ford Motor Company at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and was taken in a hold-up January 18, 1934.

"A number of rifles and pistols were recovered; also, a shotgun and two Luger pistols. These are in possession of the police



and sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Special Agent J. Massey Edgar conducted an investigation of news stands in Fort Smith, Arkansas, which will be listed hereafter, to ascertain whether anyone was calling for St. Paul or Minneapolis newspapers, and it was learned that none of the said news stands handle newspapers from either of the Twin Cities:

Ward Hotel Cigar Counter and News Stand, D. J. O'Leary, Manager.  
Smoke Shop, Sixth and Garrison Ave., C. W. Price, Manager.  
Merchants News Stand, Merchants National Bank Building, George Eldridge, Manager.  
The Turf, Garrison Avenue, C. L. Kremrie, Manager.  
Main Cigar Store, Main Hotel, Phil Moseley, Manager.  
First National News Stand, First National Bank Building, S. B. Housler, Manager.

Mr. C. L. Kremrie, Manager of the Turf, informed Agent Edgar that on the night of March 18 a man was in his place and was served by one of the employees. This man had dark hair, was tall and slender, and was well over six feet in height; he was well dressed; had in his purse a large sum of money, apparently over \$200.00 and about \$500.00 in Travelers Checks; and had a bottle of whiskey. This man stated that he was going to catch the 8:00 o'clock train for Kansas City. Kremrie stated he was certain the man was well over six feet, but that he bears some resemblance to the photograph of Karpis, had a dark complexion and prominent teeth. Mr. Kremrie stated that if this person returns, he will notify Agent Edgar.

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March 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the request made by Mr. Courcy of the Kansas City office concerning a comparison of the latent fingerprints found in the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, transmitted to the Division by letter dated February 13, 1934 (Contrary to my statement to you, while Mr. Anderson was in Washington he stated that these prints had been located in the Kansas City file by him just prior to his coming to Washington and I was under the mistaken impression that the prints were received by the Division at about that time), I talked with Mr. Edwards and he advised that over 50 latent prints had been developed from the material submitted by the Kansas City office and each had to be compared with all of those in the single fingerprint files; that he had one man working constantly on this case and it would take approximately two months to complete same.

I requested that a progress report concerning this search be made and forwarded to Mr. Courcy. On February 21, 1934, a telegram was sent to the Kansas City office requesting to be advised why these prints had been held from June of 1933 until February of 1934 without submitting them to the Division, in reply to which the Kansas City office advised on February 21, 1934 that in the excitement in connection with this investigation, at a time shortly after the massacre happened, the submitting of these prints to the Division was overlooked, which oversight seems to have been continued until February 13, 1934.

The latent fingerprints were, of course, immediately compared with outstanding suspects in the Kansas City case and also suspects in the Bremer case, without success. Mr. Edwards, as stated above, will have a progress report prepared immediately and forward it to the Kansas City office.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Reference is made to Mr. Cowley's memorandum of March 13, 1934, addressed to the Director, in connection with the latent fingerprints submitted by the Kansas City Office found in the Miller house in Kansas City.

The last paragraph indicates that the remaining unidentified latent prints in connection with this case have been compared with suspects in the Bremer Case. Such a comparison has actually been made only with the outstanding Bremer Case suspects, particularly, known members of the Alvin Karpis Gang. Mr. Cowley was acquainted with this fact and he suggested it was desirable that the comparison be completed with all named suspects in the Bremer Case. This work will proceed, one employee being assigned to it exclusively in the Single Fingerprint Section. There remain of the Kansas City latent fingerprints approximately eight which afford good ridge detail and characteristics sufficient to be of value. There are to date 265 suspects listed in the Bremer Case and comparisons with all of these will be made. It is estimated comparisons between these remaining latent prints and the fingerprints of the suspects can be effected in approximately three weeks' time.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota**

FILE NO. **7-52**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/30/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/22, 23, 24, 25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. J. Callahan</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219- et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Tony Lestian, bar keeper, Betty Larson and Betty Madden, prostitutes, operators of Betty's Place Roadhouse, New Kewaskum, Wisconsin, failed to identify photographs of Barker-Karpis Gang. George Larson and Vivian O'Hara not located.

**REFERENCE:** Division letter dated March 1, 1934

**DETAILS:** AT KEWASKUM, WISCONSIN

Agent interviewed Betty Larson

Betty's Place Roadhouse, 2 miles north of Kewaskum on Highway 103, and exhibited to her photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, and Harry Campbell. Betty Larson stated that none of the above named gang had ever visited her roadhouse to her knowledge; that the photographs were entirely unfamiliar to her except the one of Volney Davis, which she said was rather a familiar face; that she could not recall when or where she had ever seen Davis, but that she believed she had seen someone with bushy hair like that of Volney Davis.

Betty Madden, a prostitute, residence at Betty's Place, address above, was likewise interviewed, and shown photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang. She stated the men were strangers to her, and that she was positive that she had never seen any of them. Betty Madden stated she formerly lived in Milwaukee, and came to Betty's Place last year.

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Tony Leston, bar keeper at Betty's Place Roadhouse, address above, stated, upon viewing photographs of the Barker-Karpis Gang, that the men were total strangers to him, and he had never any of them about the Roadhouse, except that he believed he had seen Volney Davis because his bushy hair appeared familiar to him; that he would not say positively he had ever seen Volney Davis, and that he could not recall the time and place if he had seen him. Leston stated he had lived at Betty's Place for 5 years.

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Agent was advised by Betty Larson, address above, that Vivian O'Hara, [redacted] had not been at Betty's Place Roadhouse since July, 1933, and that she was probably at Addison, Wisconsin.

AT ADDISON, WISCONSIN

Agent made inquiries at the only two roadhouses to be found at Addison, at which places Vivian O'Hara was unknown.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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With the purpose of locating George Larson, [redacted] agent examined the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, 296 Government Building, which showed that George Larson had made bond on October 27, 1933; that at time he signed bond he gave his address as Sherwood Hotel, Green Bay, Wisconsin. His bond was signed by George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th St, advised agent that George Larson was not at Green Bay, Wisconsin, but was somewhere in Milwaukee; that he would locate Larson for agent. At a subsequent interview, Mr. Gruber stated it would probably take several days to locate Larson but that he was positive he could locate him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Milwaukee, Wisconsin will again contact George I. Gruber, 239 N. 36th and secure address of George Larson, and interview Larson as requested in reference letter. Also endeavor to secure present address of Vivian O'Hara from Larson, and interview her as requested in reference letter.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Mar. 31, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Mar. 24-26, 1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. L. Shivers</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Edward G. Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>ABDUCTION</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="text-align: center;">News dealers of St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, handling St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers could not identify photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang as of persons who purchased said papers during this season.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="text-align: center;">Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to the New York office dated February 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>At St. Petersburg, Florida</b></p> <p>It was ascertained through P. D. Mulhollen, 249 Central Avenue, and L. M. Ackerman, Ackerman's News Stand, who handle the Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers in that city, that the sale of these papers has been so slight during the present tourist season that they have been forced to discontinue handling them; that no regular customer has been purchasing any of these papers and, upon being presented with the photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, they stated they are satisfied none of these individuals has ever purchased newspapers from them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>At Tampa, Florida</b></p> <p>Similar information was obtained at Chapman's News Stand, 617 Franklin Street, and the World News Company, Lafayette and Franklin Streets, Tampa, Florida. Photographs of the persons just referred to were exhibited to the operators of these stands and they were unable to identify them as of persons who had purchased Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers at any time during the present or past tourist seasons.</p>			
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/27/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/27 to 3/25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>T. P. Geraghty - GHP</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPPING.</b>
<p><b>Person partially identified as Fred Barker purchased Minneapolis Tribune at news stand San Francisco, Calif., period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934. Investigation San Francisco failed to locate him or other suspects. Alvin Karpis purchased Auburn Sedan San Francisco in October 1933, turned in as part payment Dodge Sedan purchased Chicago, Ill. Registers of principal hotels San Francisco examined for registrations of suspects without result. Mother and sister, Ed and Ted Bentz, residing San Francisco. All police officers in California notified through All-Point Bulletin to apprehend Ted and Ed Bentz if located.</b></p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., dated Feb. 23, 1934; report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, Chicago, Ill., dated March 2, 1934; telegram of W. A. Rorer, dated March 22, 1934; report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934 and report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., dated March 22, 1934.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</p> <p>The Golden Gate News Agency does not maintain a news stand at 789 Market St; said premises has been occupied by a millinery shop since June, 1933. Number 787 Market St. is the location of the California Theatre and there is no news stand in that vicinity.</p> <p>D. S. Mittleman, manager Wheatley News Co., in front of 704 Market St., stated that he handles but one Minneapolis Journal per day and sells same only occasionally; that he could not again recognize any purchaser of the said paper. He, Mittleman, was shown photostat of suspect but</p>			
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failed to recognize any of same as having called for a paper.

F. A. Fitzgerald, manager Fitzgerald News Agency, 21-4th. St., stated that he handles only one daily St. Paul Pioneer Press and one Minneapolis Journal, and sells same only occasionally; that he has no regular customer for the paper; that he could not again identify any particular person who might have been a purchaser of the papers. He was shown photostatic copies of pictures of suspects in this case and failed to identify any of them as having purchased a St. Paul or Minneapolis paper at his stand.

Phillip Mittleman, Attendant Golden Gate News Agency, 8 - 3rd. St., stated that said news agency handles the Sunday Minneapolis Journal and the Sunday St. Paul Pioneer Express and the daily Minneapolis Tribune; that for the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934, the same person called every day for the Minneapolis Tribune; that said person was a man, short of stature, about 5-6 in height, face weather beaten and burned, weight about 140 and wearing a camel's hair cap and a dark suit, black shoes and usually arrived between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. for the paper, and arrived on foot and he did not notice an automobile in the vicinity at time of arrival of this person. Phillip Mittleman (on Feb. 27, 1934) was shown photostat of suspects and picked out the photo of suspect Fred Barker as resembling the person who called for the Tribune during the period Feb. 18 to Feb. 23, 1934 inclusive.

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent H. R. Philbrick and this Agent maintained a constant surveillance of news stand at 8 - 3rd. St. from Feb. 27, 1934 to March 3, 1934 and no person remotely resembling any of suspects called at said news stand. Investigation was immediately made at the principal hotels in San Francisco, including the Fairmont Hotel, the Mark Hopkins, Palace, Sir Francis Drake and the St. Francis Hotel, and the registers checked for registration of suspects under their names and known aliases and photostats of suspects exhibited to the clerks at the said hotels but no information was received that any of said suspects had registered or were known. Phillip Mittleman, 8 - 3rd. St., promised to immediately communicate with the San Francisco Division Office if suspects should again call at the news stand. Call has been again been made every day at 8 - 3rd. St., but no information has been received that any of suspects have appeared again.

Mrs. Mary Doyle, in charge Out of Town papers Department, Public Library, Civic Center, was shown photostats of suspects and after examination of same stated that she cannot recognize any of suspects as having called to read the St. Paul or Minneapolis papers.

Call was made at 706 Steiner St. and 1451 Steiner St., and information received that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Rose Bryant and Mrs. Anne Gallows, wife of Ted Bentz had resided at said places but had left some months prior without leaving a forwarding address.

Information was received through the San Francisco Postoffice Inspector that Anne Gallows had left a forwarding address from 1451 Steiner St., to 1245 - 66th. St., Los Angeles, and that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson left a forwarding address to 520 Taylor St., Apt. 204.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo, Apt. 103, 520 Taylor St., stated that she is the manager of apartment house located at 520 Taylor St; that on Dec. 15, 1933 G. W. Johnson and wife rented apartment 204 at \$35 per month and occupied same until March 1, 1934 when they left without leaving a forwarding address; that Mrs. Rose Bryant, mother of Mrs. G. W. Johnson, was a frequent caller but did not live side with the Johnsons.

DeSilvo was shown a photograph of suspects and stated that no one resembling them to her knowledge had called on the Johnsons during their occupancy of apartment at 520 Taylor St.

Mrs. A. DeSilvo further stated that G. W. Johnson was employed as Assistant Engineer at the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Sts.

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Under date of March 22, 1934 a telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Ore., which telegram stated that a new Lincoln Sedan, dark blue or black color, of Ted Bentz and Party was probably using Indiana 1934 License #410864.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick, of the San Francisco Office, on receipt of the telegram from Special Agent in Charge Spears immediately communicated with Mr. Stone of the Criminal Identification Unit of the State of California at Sacramento and Mr. Stone advised that he would put out an All-Points Bulletin for a pick-up on the Lincoln Sedan, bearing Indiana license, 1933, #410864, and would have the arresting officers advise the nearest office of the Division.

Special Agent H. R. Philbrick made investigation at Palo Alto, Calif., with the view of locating Howard Mulaney and ascertained that there is a Howard Mulaney residing in Palo Alto, who carries some kind of a State Constable's badge and who resides at 521 Fulton St., Palo Alto; that Mulaney hangs about the Texas restaurant in Palo Alto and has recently left town ostensibly for the purpose of looking over some mining property near Winnemucca, Nevada; that Mulaney is known to take long trips and to be gone for long periods of time but apparently has no occupation; that on the night of March 31 a Ford car bearing Michigan license, believed to be E3564, but not certain, was observed in front of the Mulaney residence; that the Palo Alto Police will maintain a lookout for the Lincoln Sedan with Ed and Ted Bentz and party and will keep Howard Mulaney under surveillance when he returns to Palo Alto.

On receipt of telegram of March 22, 1934 from W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., the principal hotels of San Francisco were again checked and registers examined for one year last past, under the true names of suspects and all their aliases but no information was received of any of them having registered.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss, San Francisco Office, ascertained from investigation that Auburn automobile, motor #BB1527, bearing 1933 California license #785762, was registered to one William B. Lohman, address William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif; that investigation at the William Taylor Hotel developed that a Mrs. William Lohman, address Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. T. C. Black-

burn, address 4214 North Lockwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio, registered at said hotel on Oct. 25, 1933 and remained until Oct. 27, 1933. Pictures of suspects involved in this case were shown to the manager and the clerks of the William Taylor Hotel but they could not recognize any of them. A check at the California State Motor Vehicle Department developed that 1933 California license 785762 was issued on Oct. 9, 1933 to William C. Lohman, sole owner of Auburn auto, motor #BBL527, which was first sold on that date; that no 1934 license has been issued for said car and said car has not entered the State under another license.

A check at the Auburn automobile agency, 1625 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, developed the information that the said Auburn Sedan had been sold by that concern on Oct. 9, 1933; that one Fred Thompson, manager of the Golden State Hotel, San Francisco, was the salesman and that one H. Warshawer had closed the deal; that records further reflect that a 1933 Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, had been turned in as part payment, which Dodge Sedan had been sold to Lloyd A. Hillman, a used car dealer, at 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; that all the records concerning the sale had been sent to the Auburn California Company, 343 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. At the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., it was learned that Dodge Sedan, motor #65846, had been sold to one Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Calif.

In answer to request, Miss Ruth Assalena, National Auto Theft Bureau, Sacramento, Calif., advised that the records of the California State Motor Vehicle Department show as follows:

"On Aug. 22, 1933 the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., sold a Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846, Serial 3639469, to William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; taking in trade a Dodge motor #DP58012, Bill of Sale on file; also on file is a 1933 Illinois facsimile certificate, #1237031, in Mr. William Lohman's hand, dated Aug. 23, 1933; wire from the Montgomery Motor Co., Chicago, Ill., to the San Francisco Division on Oct. 9, 'Lohman car bought Aug. 26, paid in full'. According to the Bill of Sale the car was purchased Aug. 22, 1933. On Oct. 7, 1933 William Lohman, 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., secured a 1933 Non-Resident Permit #124514, on the car which expired on Dec. 31, 1933. California address, General Delivery, San Francisco, Calif., and Illinois license #1237051. Bill of Sale on file showing sale by Mr. Lohman to the Auburn California Co., 1155 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, on Oct. 9, 1933, who secured 1933 license #785759, as sole owner on Oct. 9, 1933. The Auburn California Co., sold the car to the Lloyd K. Hillman Co., 1640 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, no date of sale given, who sold it on Oct. 14, 1933 under report of Sale #D358115, to Dr. Paolo Mazzetti, 2051 Jefferson St., San Francisco. Transfer made to Dr. Mazzetti on Oct. 28 with the legal owner as Lloyd K. Hillman, 507 South Flower St., Los Angeles."

Fred Thompson, 250 Taylor St., advised that he had sold a 12 cylinder Auburn Sport Sedan, having the body painted blue, top of the hood painted grey or brown, a gray canvas top and six wire wheels to a man whom he identified positively from pictures as Volney Davis, who was accompanied on two separate occasions by different men. Fred Thompson recognized the photograph of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis but could not remember that they were the men who had accompanied Volney Davis at time of purchase of the car. Fred Thompson stated that these men came to the sales room on each occasion and thus he did not take them

to any hotel and does not remember any address mentioned by them; that the sale was consummated by the taking in of a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, and a cash balance of some \$600, which was taken from a large roll of money in the possession of Davis.

Mrs. Fred Thompson also immediately recognized the picture of Volney Davis as being the man who had come to the Auburn California Auto sales room and purchased an Auburn Sedan through her husband; she stated that Davis came into the office where she was sitting, took off his hat, sat down and talked to her for a while.

Mr. H. Warshawer, sales manager, 1625 Van Ness Ave., stated that he has only a faint recollection of the above transaction and believed that Arthur Barker was one of the men as he particularly remembers the high forehead.

Special Agent V. E. Cries, at Sacramento, Calif., made lists of automobiles from the Middle West States entering the State of California during the period Feb. 11 to Feb. 19, 1934, showing license number, place of entry, make of car, in some instances the motor number of car, for reference purpose in case any car used by suspects was identified. Copies of said list are attached to this report as follows: 3 to the Division, 2 to St. Paul, 1 to Salt Lake City and 1 to the San Francisco copy.

Capt. Dulles, in charge Inspectors, San Francisco, Police Department, stated that a Mack Harris and Jack Harris, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., and friends of Gloomy Gus Schaffer, are now operating a beer joint at 74 Embarcadero, San Francisco, and that the place has the reputation of being a hangout for gangsters from out of town; that Jack Harris and Gloomy Gus Schaffer pulled a jewelry job in St. Paul some years ago and both served a term at the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn.

Capt. Trotter, in charge of Inspectors, Oakland Police Department, stated that within the past few days he has received an unconfirmed rumor that a number of gangsters are occupying an apartment in Oakland and have a number of machine guns with them; that he is endeavoring to confirm the rumor and will notify the San Francisco Division Office when he receives any information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, will make investigation at Grass Valley, Calif., with view of ascertaining if Ed or Ted Bantz have a mining claim in that region and if suspects and Ed and Ted Bantz can be located in that vicinity.

The San Francisco Office, at San Francisco, will make investigation at the several gambling houses in San Francisco, Oakland and vicinity and at the El Cerrito and Baden Baden dog tracks and Tanforan racing tracks to see if suspects are known or have been spending money in amounts that call attention to them.

The San Francisco Office, will make other and further investigation to ascertain if suspects are in the San Francisco district.



THE CHICAGO OFFICE, will make investigation at the Montgomery Motor Co., 3212 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and obtain specimen of the handwriting of Alvin Karpis, alias William Lohman, if same has not heretofore been obtained, which probably can be had from the contract of purchase of Dodge Sedan, motor #DP65846.

Will also make investigation at 3453 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., address given by Alvin Karpis at the time of purchase of Dodge Sedan.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, will interview Mrs. Ann Gallows, 1845 - 66th St., Los Angeles, for information of the present location of Ted Bantz.

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# Division of Investigation

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AUTOS ENTERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSES FOR THE  
PERIOD FEBRUARY 11, 1934 TO FEBRUARY 19, 1934.

Date, Feb. -	Place	License number	Car	Persons	Permit #
17	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 31-134	Ford Coach	5	526
15	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 49-1405	Chevrolet Coupe	3	
12	Yermo	'34 Kansas - 34-1854	Chevrolet Sedan	3	
14	Yermo	'33 Kansas - 1-28951	Ford Coach	3	
18	Daggett	'34 Kansas - 7-2595	Chevrolet Coach	2	
14	Daggett	Kansas - 30-825	Ford Coach	3	
12	Daggett	Kansas - 1-5324	Buick Coupe	2	
11	Daggett	Kansas - 33-2157	Chevrolet Sedan	2	
19	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 30751	Buick Sedan	4	
14	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 1-15816	Chevrolet Road.	2	2036
12	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 16-723	Graham Sedan	2	1938
12	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 1-30551	Essex Coach	3	Temp.
16	Yuma	'34 Kansas - 69-865	Ford Coupe	2	2120
16	Yuma	'33 Kansas - 38-2734	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp.
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 7-505	Oldsmobile Sedan	3	
22		'34 Kansas - 2-2388	Chevrolet Coupe	2	6295
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 Kansas - 3-447	Pontiac Coupe	2	1878
11	"	'33 Kansas - 3-21147	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
11	"	'34 Kansas - 2-8218	Pontiac Coupe	2	1846
17	"	'34 Kansas - 2-13262	Ford Sedan		2169
16	"	'34 Kansas - 18-3846	Chevrolet Sedan		Temp.
17	"	'34 Kansas - 16-4503	Plymouth Coach	3	Temp.
12	"	'34 Kansas - 70-334	Oakland Sedan		1966
14	"	'33 Kansas - 332748	Whippet	6	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 9-4667	Pontiac Sedan	3	2042
14	"	'34 Kansas - 95-102	Nash Sedan	2	Temp.
14	"	'34 Kansas - 7-505	?		
12	Daggett	'33 Missouri - 431-114	Ford Roadster	3	
16	"	Missouri - 35-686	Plymouth Coupe	2	
13	"	" - 205-436	Chevrolet Coach	4	
11	"	'34 " - 17-2947	" Sedan	4	
18	Yuma	'33 " - 243969	Ford Coach	2	Temp.
19	Yuma	'34 " - 19449	Pontiac Sedan	3	2291

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Date	Place	License Number	Car	Persons	Permit #
17	Yuma	'33 Missouri - 294-646	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	"	'34 " 406	Pierce Arr. Sedan	3	2242
16	"	'33 " 417367	Ford Coach	3	Temp.
18	Daggett	? " 428-772	Chevrolet Coach	1	
14	"	? " 76-221	Graham Sedan	2	
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 163419	Plymouth Sedan	2	
17	"	'34 " 65724	Buick Sedan	2	
13	"	'34 " 11-373	Chevrolet Coach	2	1959
18	Daggett	? " 174350	Ford Fordor	2	
16	"	'33 " 587541	Studebaker Coach	3	
13	"	'33 " 61222	Oakland Coupe	3	
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " 13-575	Marmon Sedan	2	
16	"	'33 " 484759	Buick Sedan	4	
12	?	? Minnesota 416050	Buick Coupe	2	
14	?	'33 " 244-388	Chevrolet Sedan	4	
17	Station 7	'34 " B-10238	Plymouth Sedan	3	
11	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-33597	Ford Coupe	2	Temp.
11	"	'33 " B-474430	Plymouth Coupe	2	1870
11	"	'34 " B-66770	Buick Coupe	2	1896
13	"	'34 " B-14832	Chrysler Coupe	3	1981
13	"	'33 " B-210417	Studebaker Sedan	4	2100
13	"	'34 " B-3661	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
17	"	'34 " B-54033	Chevrolet Coach		2211
12	"	'34 " B-27722	Hupmobile Sedan	2	1901
15	"	'33 " B-21748	Chrysler Sedan		
12	"	'34 " B-50-278	Chevrolet Coach	3	1922
15	Daggett	? " B-269305	Chevrolet Coach	3	3446
16	Yuma	'34 " B-230391	Ford Coupe	2	Temp.
15	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-13107	Willys Knight Sedan	5	
15	"	'34 " B-254400	Buick Sedan	4	2081
19	Yuma	'33 " B-105-642	Ford Roadster	2	9498
17	Daggett	'34 " B-28172	Ford Coach	3	3471
14	Yuma	'34 " B-68000	Buick Coupe	2	Temp.
(Motor #2966028 - Serial 2808847 - Leo Shapiro)					
14	Truckee	Minnesota A-36178	Austin Roadster	2	4734
17	Ft. Yuma	'34 " B-1198	?	1	2245
18	"	'34 " B-47919	Plymouth Coupe	4	Temp.
15	"	'34 " B-44177	Plymouth Sedan	2	2066
15	"	'34 " B-12552	Ford Coach	2	2067
15	"	'34 " B-16359	Ford Coupe	2	2068
16	Yuma	'33 " X-19052	Ford House Car	1	2128
17	"	'33 " B-476119	Pontiac Coach	3	2171
16	Daggett	'33 " B-150029	Ford Coach	2	3465
18	Yuma	'34 " A-36112	Ford Touring	2	9489
14	Yermo	? " B-240-236	Ford Sedan	2	9457
13	"	? " B-204185	Hudson Sedan	4	9454
16	Ft. Yuma	'34 Missouri 51-633	Hudson Coach		2112
16	"	'34 " 14-827	Studebaker Sedan		Temp.
13	"	'34 " 90-213	Buick Sedan	5	1987
13	"	'33 " 341727	Plymouth Sedan	2	Temp
17	"	'33 " 137688	Ford Sedan		Temp
17	"	'33 " 363335	Chevrolet Coupe	3	Temp

Date	Place	License Number	Car	Persons	Permit #
15	Daggett	Indiana 40855	Ford Roadster	3	3440
19	Ft. Yuma '33	" 58516	Studebaker Coupe	3	Temp.
14	Yuma '34	" 10659	Chrysler Sedan	2	2038
16	" '34	" 38476	Ford Roadster	1	2162
13	" '34	" 237549	Chevrolet Sedan	1	2005
15	Ft. Yuma '34	" 139168	Chevrolet Coach	6	2078
19	Yermo '34	" 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
16	Yuma '34	" 360709	Ford Coupe	2	2123
16	" '34	" 298045	Buick Sedan	8	2130
15	Ft. Yuma '34	" 221690	Ford Coach	2	2091
15	" '34	" 85758	Chevrolet Coach	4	2103
19	Yuma '34	" 486362	Packard Sedan	3	2299
15	Station7 '34	" 696-700	Oldsmobile Sedan	2	8484
11	Ft. Yuma '34	" 458380	Packard 8		1880
13	" '34	" 690003	Chevrolet	3	1944
14	" '34	" 64734	Chevrolet Coach		2013
20	? '34	Illinois 142-298	De Soto Sedan		3202
11	Ft. Yuma '34	" 372152	Ford Sedan	2	Temp
11	" '34	" 5094299	Packard Sedan	3	Temp
15	Station7 '33	Oklahoma 483-274	Chevrolet Coach		Temp
11	Ft. Yuma '33	" 346462	Chevrolet Coach	4	Temp
11	" '34	" 315435	Packard Coupe	3	1876
11	" '34	" 90A159-	Plymouth Sedan	2	1879
13	" '33	" 287327	Ford Coupe	2	1946
15	" '33	" 416980	De Soto		2088
13	" '34	" 112A487	Chevrolet Coupe	3	2090
17	" '33	" 381-134	Chevrolet Sedan		Temp
12	" '33	" 231366	Packard Sedan	4	Temp
15	" '34	" 249915	Chevrolet Coupe	3	2096
12	" '34	" 270941	Chevrolet Sedan	4	1910
14	" '34	" 312A999	Lincoln	2	Temp

Feb. 12, 1934, Jack McBride, from Ft. Sheridan, Ill., to Fresno, Calif. Chevrolet Sedan, Lic. #234135, Motor #4424196, Serial 21AB53626. Temp. Permit.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. J. R. Histed, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Pontiac Coupe, Lic. #529-414, Motor #983222, Serial 778155. Temp. Permit expired.

Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. Thomas B. Wright, from Ottawa, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Plymouth Coupe, Lic. #529415, Motor #PE102778. Temp. Permit expired.

Feb. 17, 1934, at Yuma. Charles Sande Selde, from Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Studebaker Coupe, Lic. #531622, Motor #3367. Temp. Permit expired. 3/17.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. John F. Galubis, from Cicero, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Chevrolet Coach, Lic. #601172, Motor #2779028. Temp. Permit expired 3/13/34.

Feb. 14, 1934, at Yuma. John Bescour, from Chicago, Illinois, to San Mateo, Cal. Pontiac Coach, Lic. #674-974, Motor #542979. Temp. Permit expired 3/14/34.

Feb. 13, 1934, at Yuma. Blanche Speed Cooper, from Winnetka, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Ford Conv. Cab., Lic. #708-400, Motor #403049. Temp. Per. ex. 3/13.

Feb. 12, 1934, at Yuma. Ve E. Green, from Quincy, Illinois, to Los Angeles. Essex Sedan, Lic. 1-227422, Motor #789794, Serial #7Z48S7. Temp. Per. 3/12/34.



Date Feb. '34	Car	State & License	Motor No.	Driver.
17	Lincoln Sedan	Illinois 63-239	KB2502	Mrs. Kate L. Eckhart, Chicago, to Huntington Hotel, Pasadena.
18	De Soto Roads.	" 534-693	8C3778	Fred J. Leafer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Cadillac Sedan	" 529605	?	Edna Hagelin, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Nash Sedan	" 16-890	B72232	R. W. Hough, 3018 E. Hill St., Mount Morris, Ill., to Hunt. Pk.
11	Packard Sedan	" 504-299	752887	Whitney Ford Co., Chicago, to San Diego.
?	Cord Sedan	" '34 - 537268	FF50	C. W. Dempster, Lake Forest, Ill., to Santa Barbara.
13	Ford Sedan	" 319-276	A3303642	Martin E. Leafgreen, Chicago, to Healdsburg, Calif.
14	Buick Sedan	" 109184	2761548	J. E. Williamson, Clinton, Ill., touring.
15	Pontiac	" 45-142	563416	Thomas Voeco, Marseilles, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Austin Coupe	" 276680	V-5274	Donald Broffet, Powpaw, Ill., touring.
12	Chevrolet Coach	" 269-360	3885880	Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Halpin, Springfield, Ill., to Ojai, Calif.
13	Cadillac Sedan	" 92900	3002034	Mrs. J. G. Godhelp, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 270107	2721029	Clifford W. Barnie, Lake Forest, Ill., to Pasadena.
16	Chevrolet Sedan	" 371-896	3648434	Earle Rickert, Evergreen Park, Ill., to Los Angeles.
17	Packard Sedan	" 128-427	285026	H. B. Cultra, Onarga, Ill., to Los Angeles.
18	Hupmobile	" 235-622	128-129	Charlotte W. Davis, Lake Forest, Ill., to Los Angeles.
19	Plymouth Coupe	" 221-468	C 5676	Mrs. J. Rolf Cotterman, Bloomington, Ill., to L. A.
16	Buick Sedan	" 234-328	2871335	Wm. R. Troubee, Rock Island, Ill., to Los Angeles.
15	Pontiac Sedan	" 142983	852772	Louis Boggio, Marseille, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Auburn Sedan	" 361444	5901	Ruth S. Bowles, Flossmoor, Ill. to Los Angeles.
14	La Salle Coupe	" 133505	602551	A. J. Anderson, Oak Park to Pasadena.
16	Ford Coupe	" 537-966	574924	Gertrude P. Reed, Evanston, Ill., to Los Angeles.
13	Ford Coupe	" 185815	A1077872	Martin M. Stromburg, Vandalia, Ill., to Long Beach.
17	Chevrolet Sedan	" 224589	3792094	John R. Voss, Harvey, Ill., Los Angeles.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" B16-253	15407	Helen Gundel, Chicago, Ill., to Los Angeles.

Date	-Car	State and License	Motor No.	Driver
17	La Salle Sedan	Illinois 247368	11,015,894	(?) Edwin L. Harris, Peoria, Ill., to Los Angeles.
12	Dodge Sedan	" 129-303	DK3446	B. G. Nelson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
14	Packard Sedan	" 15425	281420	Homer W. Benton, Harvey, Ill. to Pasadena.
15	Pierce Arrow Sed.	" 504-304	160858	John J. Funk, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Buick Sedan	" 260-213	2849528	Dr. R. A. Kanna, Peoria, to Los Angeles.
9	Auburn Sedan	" 7848	35607	H. W. Jones, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
15	Plymouth Coach	" 319998	PB36045	Albert Jordan, Chicago, to Hollywood.
18	De Soto Cab.	" 544,540	5D1116	Fred. J. Liefer, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
7	Lincoln Lim.	" 151592	57211	John C. Hoof, La Grange, to Palm Springs.
11	Ford Coupe	" 313567	Y105491	Reinbold Anderson, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Plymouth	" 83-811	17566	J. W. Wells, Oak Park, Ill., to San Francisco
13	Buick Sedan	" '34-106807	2678913	Francis O. Raub, Chicago, to Oregon.
19	Packard Lim.	" '34-110-205	751160	Louis Becker, Glendoe, to Pasadena.
12	Lincoln Brougham	" '34-124-804	65203	Norman D. Fraser, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
16	Willys Knight	" '34-189401	6161	G. H. Small, Bloomington, to Santa Paula, Calif.
18	Chrysler Sedan	" '34-208127	CI6988	Michael E. Fox, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
18	Buick Sedan	" '34-213838	2716168	J. N. Wilton, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
17	Buick Coupe	" '33-213-885	27612581	D. W. Hartzell, to Dixon, Cal.
18	Chevrolet Coach	" '34-299612	2447721	Joe Wedrosky, Jr., Glen Carbon, Ill., to Exeter, Cal.
12	Pontiac Sedan	" '33-313580	541898	Anton E. Rommel, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
13	Pontiac Coach	" '33-338041	650054	A. M. Davis, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
9	Ford Coupe	" '33-344109	3050535	Jack Schneider, Chicago, to Los Angeles.
10	Ford Coupe	" '34-354320	393347	F. W. Holmes, Chicago, Ill. to Los Angeles.
12	Chevrolet Sedan	" '34-357891	2670270	Rudow Rummeler, Kenilworth, to Los Angeles.
11	Dodge Sedan	" '34-358945	DP58684	H. J. Jensen, Chicago, to San Diego.
12	Auburn Sedan	" '34-361444	BB1953RA	John H. Bowles, Flossmoor, to Pasadena.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

**S. A. FILE NO. 7-516-1527**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-24, 25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Henry Hull, Inmate #73166, Marlow State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas, states that Lawrence DeVol, Fred and Doc Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, and Verna Miller robbed the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis, December 16, 1932; that Verna Sanky was not a member of the Karpis-Barker gang, and Harry Campbell was not with them; that Lawrence DeVol's brothers, now serving sentences for robbery of this bank, were not involved in robbery; that he never knew Ed Bentz to be a member of the gang, also never heard or knew of a dentist in St. Paul, or persons by name of Doc or Jack Pfeiffer connected with the gang. Does not know "Prince Dutch" Steinhardt or his associates. No record of Carol Tankersley or Carol Hamilton receiving or calling for mail through Galveston, Texas, Postoffice.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letters of Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minn., 2-12-34, and 3-19-34, and report of Special Agent H. E. Hollis, Oklahoma City, Okla., 3-19-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Henry Hull, Texas State Penitentiary Inmate #73166, was again interviewed by Special Agent H. E. Parker and this Agent at the Marlow State Prison Farm, near Richmond, Texas and he stated that he went to St. Paul, Minn., with Doc Barker and old man Barker on the promise of Doc Barker that he would furnish him with a job running whiskey from Canada at \$100 a week; that after arriving in St. Paul, Doc Barker just laughed and informed him they were not running whiskey, but since he, Hull, was with the gang he would have to stay with them. Hull stated he arrived in St. Paul about a week before the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank in Minneapolis; that he was at the apartment with the Barker boys and their associates, and</p>			
<p><b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p><b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</b></p> <p>3- Division 2- Inspector Rorer, St. Paul 2- Salt Lake City 2- San Antonio</p> <p>2- Oklahoma City 1- Chicago</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED each to all other offices</p>			
<p><b>APR 2 1934 A M</b></p> <p><b>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</b></p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE</p>		<p><b>7-516-1527</b></p> <p><b>APR 5 1934</b></p> <p><b>APR 6 - 1934</b></p>	

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heard them discussing the job; that they first intended taking him, Hull, in the job, but decided not to do so; that there were seven men who robbed that bank, and they were Lawrence DeVol, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Bill Scott, Alvin Karpis, whom he knew only as "Ray", and Verne Miller, whom he knew only as "Verne" and supposed that he was Verne Sankey until he saw Miller's photograph in a newspaper. Hull stated that the money obtained on this bank job was divided seven ways at 906 or 926 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, by Verne Miller, Fred Barker and Lawrence DeVol; that Lawrence was caught by officers at this address and he had some sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars on him when arrested; that Verne Miller took the Liberty Bonds to Kansas City which came out of this bank job, but does not know where or who handled them in Kansas City.

Hull stated that he thought for some time that the man whom he knew only as "Verne", a member of the Barker gang, was Verne Sankey, because he never heard his surname, and supposed it was Sankey until he saw Verne Miller's photograph in the newspaper and recognized it as the person whom he knew only as "Verne" and thought was Verne Sankey.

Hull also stated that on the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank robbery in December, 1932, Jess Doyle wore a chauffeur's cap, and drove one of the two cars used on the job; that two police officers were killed during this robbery, and he was in the apartment used by the Barkers at Cleveland and Marshall Avenue, in St. Paul, and heard an account of the robbery over the radio, also heard the members of the Barker gang discuss it later. Hull stated he understood from Doc Barker that the boys were "ribbed" to do this robbery by the man "Harry" in the State House at St. Paul, and by the man "Jack" who operates the Hollyhock roadhouse; that this job was pulled to put the "heat" on Mr. Meehan, City Manager, because they claimed they put Meehan in office and he double-crossed them, and did not stay "hitched."

Hull stated that after the Barker gang pulled the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, they drove to St. Paul, Minn., in two cars, and near a park, which he thinks was Como Park, they had a flat tire and had to change cars and the money, which was in a sack and a suitcase, and while making the change some citizen in an automobile drove past them and tried to see their license number, and Doc Barker shot this man in the head, and later when they got to the apartment Verne Miller gave Doc Barker a surging for shooting the man.

Hull stated that in addition to Lawrence DeVol being convicted of robbing the Third Northwestern Bank, in Minneapolis, Lawrence's two brothers, whose Christian names he does not know, were also convicted and given life sentences, but they were not implicated in the robbery and did not participate in same. Also, that Doc Barker stated to him, Hull, after Lawrence DeVol was arrested on this bank robbery, that if he, Barker, could get Lawrence out of the jail he would take him for a ride because Lawrence talked about the bank job in the pres-



once of some woman. Hull stated that Harry Campbell was not with the Barker gang when he was with them, but he heard Doc and Fred Barker talk about Campbell, and when asked why Campbell was not with them, Doc Barker informed him, Hull, that they could not find him. Hull stated that he never heard any of the Barker gang mention they had stolen \$15,000 or any money from Lawrence DeVol, although they may have done so, but would not talk about it if they had; that Verna Miller owed Lawrence DeVol one or two thousand dollars at the time Lawrence was arrested by the officers.

Henry Hull also stated that while he was with the Barker gang in St. Paul he never heard them mention and never knew that Ed Bentz was ever connected with them. Also never heard or knew of a connection of theirs by the name of Doc or Jack Pfeiffer; that he never knew of a dentist being connected with the Barker gang; also does not know "Frisco Butch" Steinhardt, Leon Gleckman, Tom Banks, Harry Sawyer, Barney Barman, Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Can or Jap Gleckman.

Hull stated that while he was with the Barker gang in Reno, Nevada, in January, 1933, he and Jess Doyle stayed two days at the Anderson Hotel, then moved to the Gibson Apartments at Second and Stevenson Streets; that the day after they moved from the Anderson Hotel, Jess Doyle came into the apartment and said "There is some 'Fuz' in town;" that when asked what he meant, Doyle stated "Federal officers;" that one of them was from Denver and he knew him. Hull stated that several days later the Barker gang went to the Anderson Hotel for purpose of taking the Federal men for a ride, but they had left town. He stated from what conversation he overheard between the Barkers and Jess Doyle, that shortly after the bank robbery in Minneapolis, Lawrence DeVol had expressed a trunk from St. Paul to Reno, and when arrested by officers in St. Paul, the express receipt was found on his person, and some officers went to Reno, Nevada, to watch for associates of DeVol on the bank job.

Hull stated that the Karpis-Barker gang have a connection in Coffeyville, and he does not know whether it is in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma or Coffeyville, Kansas; that he often heard the Barker boys mention the name of the man who is a very good friend of theirs, but he cannot recall the name of this man. Hull stated that the Barker boys wanted to send him down to stay with this man during the Winter of 1932, and told him, Hull, that he could steal cigarettes with this man and make some money until Spring and until after they had had their vacation.

Hull stated that if the Karpis-Barker gang went to Reno, Nevada, after getting the Bremer ransom money, then the man Graham in Reno would probably be keeping the money for them, but if they stayed in St. Paul, then the man Jack who was proprietor of the Hollyhocks roadhouse, would keep the money for them.

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Hull stated that he is confident that if the father of Doc and Fred Barker is not already with them, and if old man Barker is carefully watched he will sooner or later go direct to where Doc and Fred are located; that if old man Barker does leave his filling station near Miami, Okla., to join his own sons, Doc and Fred, he will not likely take any baggage.

Henry Hull stated he cannot furnish any further information about the Karpis-Barker gang, as he has not been connected with them since January, 1933.

With reference to Carol Tankersley, alias Carol Hamilton, ex-wife of Herman Barker, Mr. L. E. Hewitt, Superintendent of Mails, Galveston, Texas, advised they have no record of Carol Tankersley, alias Hamilton at Galveston Postoffice. Mr. F. H. Michaelke, General Delivery Clerk, Galveston Postoffice, advised that no mail is being received for or called for in the name of Carol Tankersley, or Carol Hamilton.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 29, 1934

DB:CG

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an editorial  
appearing in the Tulsa, Oklahoma Tribune under  
date of March 26, 1934, which it has occurred to  
me might be of interest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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### MORE POLITICAL PAROLES

Charges by the United States Department of Justice that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis were linked with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Louis in January add another indictment against the vicious, politically-controlled Oklahoma parole system. Both Barker and Karpis are on parole from the state penitentiary at McAlester. Barker served 10 years of a life sentence for murder and Karpis was released after serving part of a four-year sentence for burglary. Both were criminals to the core, and neither has shown any indication of a desire to reform since they were given their freedom.

Citizens of Oklahoma who pay taxes to maintain the police and sheriffs' forces, the courts and prisons, should be able to understand that a large part of the costs is directly attributable to such paroles as were given Barker and Karpis. Scores of criminals who have been through the courts and prisons of the state are operating in Tulsa's underworld. One Tulsa lawyer, playing politics with his friend, the governor, can undo the work of all our courts by obtaining paroles for criminals convicted in Tulsa.

The people should not only elect legislators pledged to take this power from the governor, but they should get after the political lawyer who, posing as a respectable citizen, conspires with criminals for their freedom and for continuation of their criminal careers.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

March 30, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S.Department of Justice,  
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

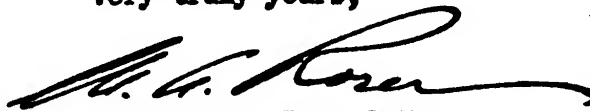
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,etal.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30

With reference to Division letters of March 2 and March 27,1934, regarding the communication from I.L.Doherty of Killdeer, North Dakota, please be advised that the remarks of Mr.Doherty, in his letter to the Department, will be investigated at the earliest possible time.

The Division will note that Mr.Doherty's letter mentions a rumor concerning which he states he has no proof and that his purpose in writing the Department was to satisfy his curiosity. In view of the apparent character of his information, it was not deemed necessary to investigate it immediately.

This matter will be given investigative attention when there are other leads in that section of the district unless the Division otherwise instructs.

Very truly yours,




W.A.RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Department of Justice

503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 28, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD G. OBREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to my letter of March 27th, 1934, directed to Inspector W.A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota, copy of which went forward to you, and I will ask the Division to give consideration to the advisability of detailing a suitable number of undercover agents to Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of determining if and when one or more of the subjects involved in this case return to Reno, and so that such agents may make arrangements for their apprehension.

While I am in no position to state whether or not the Division has definitely learned of the location of one or more of these subjects at any other place or places in the United States, it seems reasonable to believe that since they have been at, and are known in and about Reno, Nevada, that they will return there sooner or later. The question to be decided is whether or not the Division believes it profitable to detail undercover men to Reno, for that one purpose, and so place them that they may operate to the advantage of the Division.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-A U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1219, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1934,  
concerning the advisability of detailing a suitable number of  
undercover Agents at Reno, Nevada for the purpose of determining  
if and when one or more of the subjects involved in the above  
entitled case return to Reno.

In the event you have not already been so advised, Special  
Agent S. L. Fortenberry has been assigned as an undercover Agent  
at Reno, Nevada, having arrived there on April 14, 1934, and is  
stopping at the El Cortez Hotel, 239 West Second Street, Reno,  
Nevada, under the name of F. T. Berry. He can be reached by  
telephone at Reno 5118, and in the event you have occasion to  
send anything to him by mail, he should be addressed as F. T.  
Berry, c/o General Delivery, Reno, Nevada, using only plain envelopes  
without any identifying marks to indicate a connection with the  
Federal Government.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Mr. Rorer, St. Paul,



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
March 29, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

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Having reference to report of Special Agent C.C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 3-22-34, in the above entitled case, wherein it is mentioned that photographs of Edward W. Bentz, Seattle PD #6894, were furnished all Division offices on August 21, 1933 in connection with the George Kelly Barnes case, please be advised that this office has no such photographs.

It is therefore kindly requested, if same are available, that the El Paso office be furnished with several photographs of Edward W. Bentz.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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1331 First National Bank Building,  
El Paso, Texas.

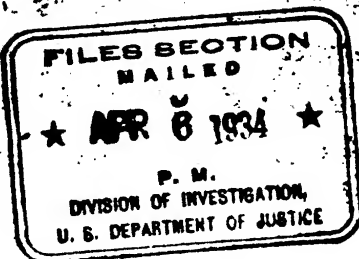
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of March 29, 1934, concerning the case entitled: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, I am enclosing three copies of the photograph of Edward W. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #689215



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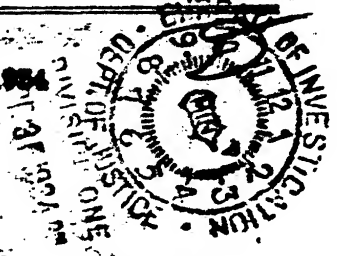
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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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W A Rorer  
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Division of Investigation  
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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

With reference to your memorandum of March 28, advising me of your conversation with Mr. Brantley in connection with the publicity concerning the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case, I am thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which this matter has been handled in Oklahoma. Obviously, Mr. Brantley has not been able to make any real progress in this matter, and from the latest reports it would appear that Mr. Nellis is indulging in evasive tactics. I wish that you would immediately contact with Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and direct him to proceed at once to Oklahoma City, giving him the benefit of the background of this story to date, and instruct him that it is my desire that this matter be brought to a definite conclusion. We must ascertain the source of this publicity. It is obvious that it emanated either from St. Paul or from Oklahoma, and I want Mr. Nathan to give it his personal attention and to definitely ascertain the facts in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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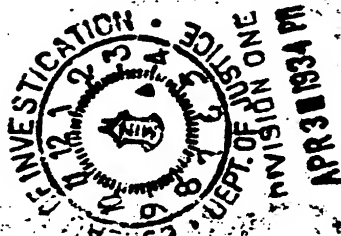
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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March 31, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
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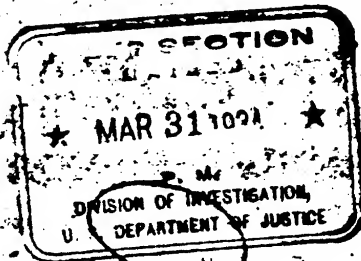
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 13, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING. The fingerprints of John Gordon, St. Paul Police Department #20805, have been received and compared with the latent fingerprints in this case with negative results.

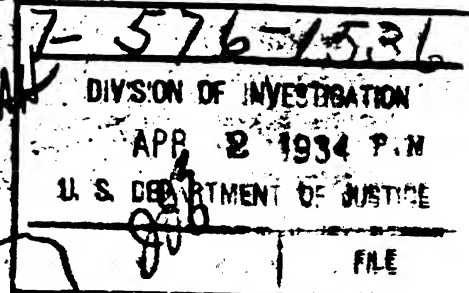
As noted in Division letter of March 13, 1934, it has not been possible to definitely identify Nina Snyder, our #18232, as a suspect in this case. Your attention is called to this matter so that you may furnish additional information identifying Nina Snyder as a suspect.

The fingerprints of John Gordon, St. Paul Police Department #20805, have been entered in the Single Fingerprint File.

Very truly yours,



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MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
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THEN WILL TELEPHONE YOU STOP NO INDICATION TODAY SUBJECTS HERE  
BUT ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING WILL BE COVERED

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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March 29, 1934.

MR. NATHAN...  
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MR. LOCKE...  
MR. RORER...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan about the publicity in the Barker-Karpis-Bremer case and advised him that in addition to the original plans which he had of making an investigation at Oklahoma City, he should determine how Bracewell in Saint Paul knew that the "heat was on Hollis" in Oklahoma City; who Hanson talked to; and to whom he gave the information about the identifications; why he gave information to Bracewell; and full details of the occasion which prompted numerous peace officers, newspaper men and a newspaper woman to accompany the Special Agent conducting the raid in Oklahoma, as was indicated by Bracewell and also that he should go by way of Topeka to interview Wentz Smith of the Kansas State Police as he appeared to have known about the identifications and from him information should be obtained as to the source of his information, as well as that known to George Stewart, a peace officer in Oklahoma.

I likewise told Mr. Nathan that an air mail letter would be forwarded to him at Oklahoma City today relative to an interview which he was conducting with Francis Kramer at New York based upon information furnished by Informant Alcorn, alias Korn, alias Kay.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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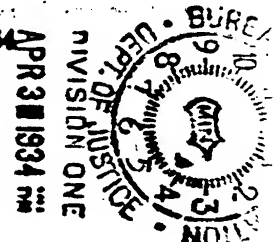
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MEDIUM COMPLEXION SMALL CUT SCAR ON END OF LEFT EYEBROW PHOTOGRAPH BEING SECURED  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

Post Office Drawer 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
March 20, 1934.

Postmaster H. A. Fay,  
Jacksonville,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

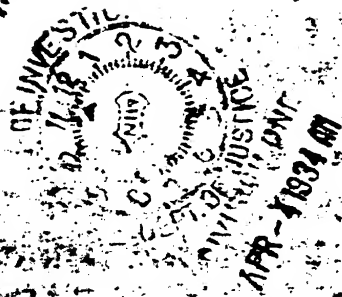
Reference is made to your letter of March 20, 1934 relative to certain information which it is believed that one Alfred W. Leeper of Jacksonville, Illinois possesses relative to the participants in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul, Minnesota.

I desire to thank you for furnishing this information, and to advise that an Agent from this Office will interview Mr. Leeper concerning same.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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In regard to the attached letter dated March 26, 1934, from the Agent in Charge of our New York Office, stating that Mr. Alcorn had informed him that Leon Kramer would talk to no one but Assistant Director Nathan, I wish you would prepare a memorandum upon this entire matter in order that I might transmit it to Mr. Nathan so that he can make arrangements, before returning to Washington, to proceed to New York, contact with Mr. Fay, and make the necessary arrangements to interview Kramer. The purpose of the memorandum which I am desirous of having you prepare is in order that Mr. Nathan may be thoroughly advised of the background in this matter.

After the memorandum has been prepared, will you please forward it by letter to Mr. Nathan with appropriate instructions.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the kidnapping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota and recent items of publicity which have arisen relative to the investigative steps which have been taken in reaching a solution of this matter.

In this connection, it has been definitely determined that Mr. Edward G. Bremer personally gave out information to the press as to the type of wall paper which appeared on the walls of the room in which he was held captive. The definite identification of this wall paper, however, has subsequently been established by the Division and there has been no publicity brought to my attention relative to the identification of this wall paper. Its identification was effected by having a drawing made, based on Mr. Bremer's recollection of the wall paper pattern, following which investigation was made at the various wall paper manufacturing establishments in the United States and from one of the samples selected as being similar to the pattern prepared, Mr. Bremer has made definite identification.

The flash lights, which were used by the kidnapers, were located by Special Agents of the Division. They were photographed and the photographs were enlarged as an aid to effect identification of these flash lights. It became necessary to canvass manufacturers and wholesale dealers in these flash lights and in the conduct of this investigation, the photographs were exhibited to these manufacturers and dealers. It would appear logical that this information could have reached newspaper men through any one of the many contacts made in this connection. It is to be pointed out, however, that there has been no publicity as to the identity of the store where the flash lights were purchased or the identity of the saleslady who sold these flash lights to Alvin Karpis, one of the kidnapers. This information is known only to the Special Agents.

Concerning the publicity relative to the gasoline cans in which the reserve supply of gas was stored and placed in the automobile in which Mr. Bremer was returned, photographs and complete descriptive data relating to these cans were obtained and numerous inquiries were made of can manufacturers as well as many gasoline filling stations along the road known to have been followed by the kidnapers, in an effort to effect a

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positive identification of the kidnapers by photographs. The publicity relative to the fact that these cans have been found could have been based upon information furnished newspaper men by any one of the numerous operators of filling stations or dealers in this type of equipment.

Although mention was made of the fact that fingerprints were found on the cans and the flash lights, this could be a logical assumption on the part of newspaper men due to the necessity for some link to exist to show that the cans and flash lights had been in the possession of the kidnapers. Fingerprints would be the logical method of establishing such a connection; however, it is to be noted that although fingerprints were found on the gasoline cans, no fingerprints have been found on the flash lights, which shows that this portion of the published information is not based on fact.

The investigation of this matter is continuing in an effort to determine the source of the information which appeared in the newspapers. However, it is gratifying and significant to note that there has been no mention of the fact that a cap worn by one of the kidnapers has been identified and this cap was found in the kidnapers' car, which further tends to definitely establish the identity of the kidnapers. It would appear, if the information is based on data furnished by any employee of this Division, that the identity of the cap would have been an important element. Likewise a further fact, known to the Special Agents of this Division, is the identity of the saleslady selling the flash lights and the store where they were sold, which has not appeared in the press.

Although incorrect information has appeared as to identifying fingerprints on the flash lights, at the same time there has been no publicity concerning the definite identification of the wall paper pattern. Upon receipt of any additional information bearing on this publicity, I shall be glad to immediately advise you.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

to

Official indicated below by check mark

Mr. NATHAN  
Mr. TOLSON  
Mr. CLOGG  
Mr. COWLEY  
Mr. EDWARDS  
Mr. EGAN

MEMORANDUM

Mr. GUY  
Mr. LEE  
Mr. HENRY  
Mr. ROSEN

Solicitor General Biggs

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Guy  
Mr. Lee  
Mr. Henry  
Mr. Rosen

Edward L. Bremer



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

MR. NATHAN ✓  
MR. CLEGG ✓  
MR. CLEGG ✓  
MR. EDWARDS ✓  
MR. Egan ✓  
MR. L. INN ✓  
MR. LESTER ✓  
MR. LOCKE ✓  
MR. RORER ✓

HHC:AEK

March 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Purvis called. He stated in answer to inquiry that the Special Agents assigned to Mr. Rorer's special detail had been working in his district until he telephoned Mr. Rorer and informed him that he thought the case would not be receiving proper supervision and might lead to duplication of effort unless Purvis could review and supervise their work as long as they remained in the Chicago territory. Mr. Rorer agreed this was the proper procedure and the Agents are working in the Chicago territory under Mr. Purvis' supervision exclusively on the Bremer case, the rough draft reports being mailed in to the Chicago Office for typing.

Mr. Purvis stated he had received a telegram from the Salt Lake City Office advising that it was unnecessary for Agent Newman to proceed to Denver to testify before the Boettcher Award Committee. I told him he might follow the suggestion of Mr. Dowd.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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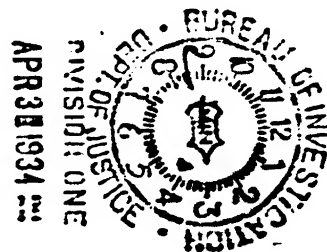
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 31, 1934



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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
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IDENTIFICATION

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Confirming telegraphic communication from this office today in response to Division telegram of March 29th relative to the sentence of Alvin Karpis, this is to advise that Special Agent Earle M. Black examined the Criminal Appearance Docket at Henryetta, Oklahoma, which discloses that Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller, on September 17, 1931, upon plea of guilty to a charge of burglary, before Superior Court Judge J. H. Swann, sitting in the Henryetta Division of the Okmulgee County Superior Court, was sentenced to serve three years in the State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma and was paroled by Judge Swann from the bench on the same date to M. M. Alexander, his attorney, who was the former Judge of the District Court at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, there being no commitment of Alvin Karpis to the Reformatory.

Special Agent H. E. Hollis communicated by telephone with Mr. R. A. Shackelford, Record Clerk at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and made inquiry as to whether or not Alvin Karpis had ever been confined in that institution. Mr. Shackelford stated that he recently received a copy of the fingerprints of Alvin Karpis from the Department of Justice at Washington and, after receiving this, he searched through his fingerprint files and definitely determined that Alvin Karpis had not been confined in the State Penitentiary.

The information as to Alvin Karpis and others mentioned herein was developed as follows:

At Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Mr. Edgar Johnson, Court Clerk, who is the Clerk of the District, Superior and County Courts, Okmulgee, was interviewed. Mr. Johnson stated that J. H. Swann is the Judge of the Superior Court of the Okmulgee, Oklahoma district. Mr. Johnson stated that the records in connection with the trial of Alvin Karpis

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at Henryetta, Oklahoma (which is in Okmulgee County) are maintained in the office of the Deputy Court Clerk, Henryetta, and there is no record in this connection at the Court Clerk's office at Okmulgee.

Sheriff John Lenox, Okmulgee, produced his records and in Jail Record Book No. 1, Page 274, under date of June 12, 1931 appears this entry.

Alvin Karpis; charge burglary; sentenced three years; ✓  
paroled September 17, 1931.

By reference to the Sheriff's Criminal Fee Record Book No. 9, for Okmulgee County, at Page 149, the following entry was shown:

State of Oklahoma versus Fred Barker, Sam Coker, Alvin Karpis, Joe Howard, J. L. Swanson; charge burglary. ✓  
Warrant received June 12, 1931; returned found June 16, 1931.

Further, by reference to the Sheriff's Jail Record Book No. 1, Page 21, under date of June 12, 1931, the record shows that Fred Barker on a charge of burglary, made bond on July 3, 1931, but there is no further record as to Barker.

In the same book, Page 72, the record shows that Sam Coker, ✓  
on a charge of burglary, was sentenced (date not shown) to serve thirty years in McAlester State Penitentiary and was sent there on June 19, 1931.

In the same book, Page 202, the record shows that Joe Howard, ✓  
on a charge of burglary, made bond August 8, 1931, no further record being shown.

In the same book, Page 475, the record shows that J. F. ✓  
Swanson was arrested June 11, 1931; charge investigation; released by the Sheriff, June 17, 1931.

The Sheriff's records contained no reference to George Haller.

At the Identification Bureau, Okmulgee Police Department, Mr. W. O. Greenhaw, after a search of the records, advised there is no record on file of George Haller, but the fingerprint records disclose that on June 10, 1931 Alvin Karpis, alias Alvin Karpis, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias George Dunn (with question mark notations after Dunn) ✓

under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1609, was arrested by the Okmulgee Police on a charge of burglary (burglarizing Black's Jewelry Store, Henryetta, Oklahoma) and turned over to the County, fingerprints being forwarded to the Division on June 10, 1931. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 293 records disclose that Fred Barker was arrested June 10, 1931 on a charge of burglary and turned over to the County. There is a previous card on Barker which shows his arrest December 19, 1925 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma; charge investigation - "turned over to Fort Smith, Arkansas authorities for burglary." ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1610 records disclose that Joe Howard was arrested June 10, 1931 and turned over to the County, charge burglary. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1608 records disclose that Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, was arrested June 10, 1931; charge burglary; turned over to the County. ✓

Under Okmulgee Police Department No. 1603 records disclose that Jasper T. Swanson was arrested June 11, 1931, charge investigation - burglary; turned over to the County. ✓

All of the above burglary charges were in connection with the burglarization of Black's Jewelry Store, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Mr. Greenhaw stated that he has only one photograph of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Joe Howard and J. T. Swanson, but that he will print additional copies and forward them to the Oklahoma City office.

Mr. E. J. Collyer, Deputy Court Clerk, Henryetta, Oklahoma, produced the Criminal Appearance Docket No. 3, and at Page 163, Case No. 2250, is shown the following entry:

State of Oklahoma versus Fred Barker; Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller; Sam Coker, alias Ralph Nelson; Joe Howard, alias Joe Woodruff, alias Joe Wilson; and J. L. Swanson, charge burglary; case filed July 8, 1931. ✓

The docket as to Alvin Karpis discloses the record as shown in the first part of this letter and in addition thereto shows that on September 30, 1931 a bench warrant was issued for Joe Howard and on October 5, 1931 for Fred Barker; bonds being furnished by both and on October 12, 1931, the defendants failing to appear, bonds were forfeited. ✓



On October 21, 1932 Entry of Cause was put on the Retired Docket (Mr. Collyer stating that this means that the case is not likely to be called for trial.) No further record is shown and nothing is shown as to Sam Coker alias Ralph Nelson, or J. L. Swanson.

The records at Henryetta appeared incomplete, but in view of the fact that the Sheriff's record, Okmulgee, discloses that Sam Coker was sentenced to serve thirty years in the McAlester Penitentiary on a charge of burglary, being sent there on June 19, 1931, when an Agent is next at McAlester, Oklahoma, inquiry will be made to ascertain if Sam Coker is at present incarcerated at McAlester and, if so, he will be interviewed for any information he may be able to furnish relative to any of the Karpis-Barker gang; also at Fort Smith, Arkansas, effort will be made to obtain the disposition of the case against Fred Barker noted above.

Very truly yours,

*Earle K. Black*  
Earle K. Black, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Mr. Rorer - St. Paul.

W  
515 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
505-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
ROY J. PRINCE - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

While checking the hotels in San Francisco, in this case, it was ascertained from the register of the William Taylor Hotel, McAllister and Leavenworth Streets, that M.D. Lohman and wife, registration card No. 172, giving Reno, Nevada, as an address, registered in at said hotel at 10:21 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and were assigned room 1132 at the rate of \$4.00 per day, and checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933; that the registration card bears the notation, "Friends of J. McKay, Reno."

It was further ascertained, from registration card No. 171, that H. J. Marion, giving address Reno, Nevada, registered in at 10:21 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and checked out on the evening of Oct. 9, 1933, and was assigned room 1139. The registration card of H. J. Marion bears the reference, "See card 172", and also bears notation, "Friend of J. McKay". The rate for said room was \$4.00 per day.

Tom Silk, now assistant manager Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market St., San Francisco, stated that he was night clerk at the William Taylor Hotel in October, 1933; that he has no distinct recollection of description of above persons; that he does have a recollection that they had no baggage; that he did not require them to pay in advance for the reason that they said they were friends of J. McKay of Reno, Nevada, who is a patron of the William Taylor Hotel and frequent visitor; that the above persons checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933, and he is under the impression that they took a train for Reno at that time.

It is requested that the identity of M. D. Lohman and wife and H. J. Marion and wife be established, inasmuch as it is noted that

on the Registration card of the William Taylor Hotel, on Oct. 7, 1933,  
that they are friends of J. McKay, who is a defendant, with William  
Graham, on a mail fraud violation, in which case Ray J. Frisch, Victim,  
a material witness, has disappeared.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

C.C. Division

C.C. St. Paul

C.C. R. E. Vetterli, Golden Hotel, Reno, Nev.

INVESTIGATION

Box 708,  
Portland, Oregon.  
March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hayes Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

ALVIN KARPIS et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim  
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to report of Special Agent in Charge C. E. Spears, Portland, dated March 22, 1934. You will note among the criminal associates of Ed. Bantz the names of Charles Leroy Kalso and Thomas Flanders. Kalso is listed as a brother-in-law and Flanders is thought to be or have been related to Bantz by marriage.

From time to time reports have come to this office that some of the associates of the Bantz brothers may be located at or in the vicinity of Grass Valley, California. It is now reported that Charles Leroy Kalso and Thomas Flanders are somewhere near Grass Valley at the present time; that they own, operate, or are interested in a gold mine at that point. If such is the fact, it is believed that this would serve as an excellent hideout for Bantz and his gang. You will also note that Ed and Ted Bantz are reported to be on the West Coast at the present time.

Enclosed herewith is photograph of Ted Bantz, also Thomas Spencer Flanders who is described as:

Age	25
Height	5 Ft. 9 in.
Weight	164 lb.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Dark blue
Comp.	Medium
E. P. O.	25 10 25
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Seattle P. O. 17111

Photograph of Kalso is not available. His Dallas P. O. number is 10001 and that office is herewith requested to obtain and furnish you with a copy of same.

It is requested that investigation in accordance with the above be conducted at as early a date as possible.

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cc Division  
Inspector Rorer, St. Paul  
Dallas

Very truly yours

H. A. King, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
903-A U.S. Court House & Post Office Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

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It was further ascertained from registration card No. 172 that E. J. Marlon, giving address Reno, Nevada, registered in at 10:21 P.M. on Oct. 7, 1933, and checked out on the evening of Oct. 9, 1933, and was assigned room 1130. The registration card of E. J. Marlon bears the reference, "See card 172", and also bears notation, "Friends of J. McKay". The rate for said room was \$4.00 per day.

Tom Silk, now assistant manager Whitcomb Hotel, 1251 Market St., San Francisco, stated that he was night clerk at the William Taylor Hotel in October, 1933; that he has no distinct recollection of description of above persons; that he does have a recollection that they had no baggage; that he did not require them to pay in advance for the reason that they said they were friends of J. McKay of Reno, Nevada, who is a patron of the William Taylor Hotel and frequent visitor; that the above persons checked out on the evening of Nov. 9, 1933, and he is under the impression that they took a train for Reno at that time.

It is requested that the Salt Lake City Division Office make investigation at Reno, Nevada, to establish the identity of M.D.

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Lohman and wife had E.J. Marlon, who possibly are identical with suspects in this case, inasmuch as it has been ascertained that Volney Davis was in San Francisco on Oct. 9, 1933, at which time he purchased an Auburn Sedan.

Very truly yours,

E.E. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

S.S. Division

S.S. St. Paul

S.S. E. E. Vetterli, Golden Hotel, Reno, Nev.

P O Box 526  
Los Angeles, California.  
March 31, 1954.

**Inspector in Chge.. State Department of  
Agriculture, Quarantine Station, at Yuma, Ariz.;  
Blythe, Daggett and Yermo, California.  
C. A. Perkins, Insp. in Chge., U. S. Immigration, San Isidro  
Herbert Hadley, " " " " El Centro**

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In re: **ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al**  
**Los Angeles File No. 7-42**

VOLNEY DAVIS

**FRED BAKER**

**ALVIN KARPIS**

25 years  
5'9 3/4"  
150 lbs.  
Slender  
Brown  
Blue  
Fair

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Age	34
Height	5'3 1/4"
Weight	110 lbs.
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

HARRY CASTELL

50 years  
5'5"  
140 lbs.  
Medium  
Brown  
Blue  
Ruddy

For your information the above-named are known in the recent past to have had in their possession the following described automobiles:

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named and known in the recent following described automobile	
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1933 twelve-cylinder Auburn Sedan, Motor No. 1527; blue body, grey hood, canvas top, six wire wheels; registered in the name of WILLIAM B. LOHMAN in 1933.

1933 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 8797008; registered in the State of Nevada, 1933, Registration No. 1498.

1933 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 883090, first entered the State of California in November, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, driven by FRED BARKER, who at that time used the alias of T. C. BLACKBURN.

Ford V-8, Motor No. 18493080, model unknown, registered in 1933 under name of T. C. BLACKBURN, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio; operated in 1933 under California Permit No. 184933.

1933 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 665160, purchased at Reno, Nevada, by one of the above-named, using the alias of H. J. HARVEY, to whom 1933 Nevada license No. 1205 was issued.

Ford V-8 Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 828420, registered in October, 1933, State of Minnesota, under No. B-473569 to E. V. DAVIS, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota, formerly registered in the State of Illinois under the same name, address Box 522, Grayslake, Illinois.

Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3554674, registered in the State of Minnesota in January, 1934, under No. B-45372, to E. V. DAVIS, Box 554, White Bear Lake, Minnesota; registered in 1933 in the State of Illinois, which registration number is 774267, to the same individual, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. 81821, changed to 8181; 1933 Nevada registration in name of E. L. BURNES, 801 West Seventh St., St. Paul, Minn.; registered in 1932 in that State under No. B-158081 to the same individual at the same address.

Ford V-8 Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 18-304794, Minnesota registration for the year 1934 No. B-75039 to E. L. BURNES, Box 845, White Bear, Minnesota.

Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024021, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency at San Francisco, California, by E. L. BURNES of 3870 California Street, that city. 1933 Out of State Permit was obtained for this car by the above-named, giving his address as the Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.



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As soon as photographs are available of the above-named, same will be immediately forwarded to you.

It is respectfully requested that every effort be made to obtain information concerning the above-described cars and the above-named individuals. Any information so secured should be immediately transmitted to me by collect (Government rate) telegram at 617 Federal Building, or telephone internal 2201.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this matter will be most highly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

GDW:ED

cc Division

St. Paul, Minnesota  
March 29, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: BREKID

St. Paul File 7-30

The following is a list of towns which report that a stationary siren may be heard in the morning:

ILLINOIS

Algonquin  
Brookfield  
Mazen  
Riverside  
South Pekin  
Wilmington

8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
8:00 A.M.  
7:00 A.M.

WISCONSIN

Blackwell  
West Allis (adjoins Milwaukee)

7:00 A.M. (since 2-1-34)  
8:00 A.M.

Agents have conducted investigation at all of the towns in Illinois, except Mazen.

Yours truly,

R. B. Donaldson.

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1-St. Louis  
1-St. Paul

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan called me from Oklahoma City this morning. He stated he had interviewed Agent Hansen relative to the "leak" in the Karpis-Barker-Bremer case, and he stated that he did not have the information until he returned to the office from the raids.

Mr. Nathan stated he had also talked to Agent Hollis, advising him that if he would give the full details now, nothing serious would happen, but that if after investigation we discovered that he had withheld some of the facts from us, the situation would be quite different. He further stated that he wanted to give him time to think over the matter before giving an answer.

Mr. Nathan said he had discussed with Mr. Brantley the matter of the policemen and newspaper reporters accompanying Agents on the raids. I mentioned to Mr. Nathan that I am considering sending a letter to all Agents in Charge, calling their attention to the provisions of the Manual and Rules and Regulations concerning publicity. Mr. Nathan suggested that in such a letter some provision be made covering informants.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

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March 30, 1934.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Cowley	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called. He arrived in Kansas City this morning and proceeded to Topeka to interview Wentz Smith there. Smith [redacted] stated that he had, he thought, received this information two or three weeks before it was published and believed that he received the information from Chief Deputy Anderson. Anderson was at that time endeavoring to deliver prisoners and he got in touch with Anderson enroute between Topeka and Columbus, Ohio. During this talk today between Wentz Smith and Chief Deputy Anderson, Anderson advised Smith that he had talked with both Hollis and an officer by the name of Stewart in Oklahoma. He was not sure whether it was Hollis or Stewart who had given him the information and he likewise was not sure whether they had told him about the identification of the Barker-Karpis gang or whether it was about the method by which the identification was made, namely by fingerprints. Mr. Nathan stated that this was about as definite as it was possible for him to obtain information from Smith but Anderson is to be in Oklahoma soon and he will interview Anderson in Oklahoma and get additional information.

Respectfully,

H. H. Gregg

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Laboratory Report

March 30, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, Edward  
George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter in handwriting of Mrs. G. E. Barker with aliases.  
Letter addressed to Warden, dated 8-8-29, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Fingerprint cards of Kathlyne Hall, #552942, and Gertie Lee,  
P.D. Cleveland, Ohio; and Katherine Barker, #66408.

Examination requested by: Inspector W. A. Rorer - St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 26, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

March 28. A comparison of the photostatic copy of the letter of Mrs. Barker to the Warden, dated August 8, 1929, with the fingerprint cards described above does not indicate that any of these individuals are identical with the one writing the letter. There are insufficient specimens to make any real comparison. Some of the fingerprint cards are old. The characteristics of none of them appear to indicate similarities.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division

March 26, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure:

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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~

P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 27, 1934

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Mr. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. KUMER \_\_\_\_\_

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

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Dear Sir :

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In my letter to you of March 19, 1934 with respect to certain articles appearing in newspapers concerning latent fingerprints which were found on gasoline cans during the investigation of this case, it will be observed from paragraph five, page six, that I stated that Agent Hollis is preparing a memorandum for me concerning the subject matter of this inquiry. The only portion of the memorandum which has been submitted to me by Agent Hollis that is not covered in my letter referred to is as follows :

"I also interviewed Jim Bracewell, Special Agent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bracewell was a member of the posse which conducted the raid near Mannford, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1934, and was around the court house at Sapulpa during the time the men arrested were being held there and also accompanied the officers to McAlester in transporting the prisoners to the State Penitentiary. I asked Bracewell whether or not he had heard any officers make a statement regarding fingerprints having been found in connection with the Bremer case, and he said that he had heard no such statement. He further advised me that he was one of the officers who assisted in the raid on the Cookson Hills several weeks ago and, while there, he heard officers discuss the fact that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis had been identified in the Bremer case. He later heard something about fingerprints connected with the Bremer case. He believes this information was obtained in Kansas City, or possibly from Wint Smith of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma was present when I talked with Jim Bracewell. Mr. Kirkpatrick, you will recall, is the person who paid the ransom in the Urschel case. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he was in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 15, 1934, and talked with officers Swinney and Weatherford

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of the Fort Worth Police Department. These officers told Mr. Kirkpatrick that the fingerprints of Harry Campbell, or Wright, or some person connected with that gang, had been found on a car door or elsewhere. This discussion with reference to the fingerprints was in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case."

I am in receipt of a letter from E. N. Martel, International News representative at McAlester, Oklahoma in which he enclosed copies of some items sent out by him in respect to this matter. They are quoted below:

"The following press was sent through Postal at 4 30 on afternoon of 15th shortly after the men were brought to the prison.

UNITED PRESS, KANSAS CITY, MO.  
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, KANSAS CITY, MO.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

H E HOLLIS, FEDERAL OPERATIVE, AND ABOUT DOZEN OFFICERS ARRIVED LATE THIS EVENING PRISON WITH FRANK DOWNING ED BRODIE GLEN LEROY WRIGHT CHAS COTNER JOHN W. McATEE FOR SAFEKEEPING

E. N. MARTEL."

"Message received 3 25 afternoon 15th from United Press, Oklahoma City. When this message was received I don't think the five men had been brought in yet.

E. N. MARTEL  
CARE POSTAL  
McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

PLEASE PROTECT IF QUESTIONING OF ALONZO BRISCO AT PRISON CONNECTS HIM WITH BREMER KIDNAPPING DAY OR NIGHT

HALES, UNITED."

"After calling the Warden, I wired the United Press as follows:

UNITED PRESS,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

WARDEN SAM BROWN SAYS ALONZO BRISCO NOT HERE. DOES NOT KNOW HIM. POSSIBLY HE IS UNDER SOME OTHER NAME

E. N. MARTEL."

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I am transmitting herewith some newspaper clippings.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

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# ROBBER SUSPECT DENIES HIS GUILT

Glen Roy Wright, Taken  
in Raid, Given Hearing  
at Stillwater

TULSA ~~WORLD'S OWN SERVICE~~ 4-18-34

World's Own Service.  
STILLWATER, March 17.—Glen Roy Wright of Tulsa, charged with robbery by firearms in the \$5,000 hijacking of cash receipts at the Stillwater monthly farmers' day auction here last October, plead not guilty when arraigned before Payne County Judge Henry W. Hoel Saturday afternoon.

Through a local attorney, L. T. Lewis, Wright entered a demurrer to the complaint and demanded a preliminary trial. Date for the preliminary hearing was set for March 27 in Judge Hoel's court.

Lewis maintains he doesn't know who had sought him to take over the defense for Wright, although he displayed a telegram with a Perry date line, instructing him to do so, which was signed "Wright."

## FAILS TO IDENTIFY COTNER AS CAPTOR

MALESTER, March 17 (AP)—Failure of a farm youth to identify Charles Cotner as his captor on a wild flight from Chelsea, Okla., to Fort Smith, Ark., February 4, today saved him from trial at Claremore on a charge of murder.

The boy, Roy Dye, said after viewing the suspect that he was not the man who commandeered his car near Chelsea after shooting down Al P. Powell, deputy sheriff, and Eddie Clanton, the latter a member of the Cookson hills band of outlaws and his companion in a Chelsea burglary.

Major Wint Smith, head of the Kansas highway patrol, conferred with county officers at Claremore, who indicated that their case depended largely on the word of young Dye. Cotner is wanted in Galena and Baxter Springs, Kan., for bank robberies.

At Sapulpa, Creek county officers who staged the raid with outside aid, received word that a \$20 bill from a roll of \$180 taken from Wright was counterfeit, and were promised by the federal secret service that if state charges against him do not stick, he will be tried in federal court. Wright is a robbery and murder suspect.

## BRACKETT ACCUSED AFTER RAID ON FARM

World's Own Service.  
SAPULPA, March 17.—Ira Brackett, at whose farm home Glen Roy Wright and other accused desperadoes were arrested Thursday was arraigned before Justice of Peace Paul C. Davis this afternoon charged with harboring criminals.

The charge against Brackett was brought by Deputy Sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county, one of the members of the raiding party. Brackett's bond was signed by Mary O'Doley, Sapulpa, and W. Brackett, Mansford. Preliminary hearing was set for March 27.

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## Wright Delays Plea to Charge

TULSA TRIBUNE 3-17-34

Identified as Participant in  
Auction Robbery

STILLWATER, Ok., March 17.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright, the "prize catch" of Mannford raid, was arraigned here late Friday on a charge of robbery with firearms of a farmers' auction sale and requested 24 hours delay before entering his plea.

Hustled here from state's prison at McAlester, where four of the eight Mannford captives remained for safekeeping, Wright was identified by nine persons as one of the machine gun robbers who robbed the sale of its \$5,000 receipts.

Kansas officers questioned the four at McAlester—Charles Cotner, Ed Brophy, J. W. McAtee and Frank Downey—but declined to make public the results.

At Sapulpa, however, Major Wint Smith of the Kansas highway patrol, said earlier that Cotner, Downey, and the two women captured in the dawn raid near Mannford, would be extradited to Kansas.

He said Cotner and Grace Outler would be questioned concerning bank robberies at Galena and Baxter Springs, and the other woman, Winnie Morris, will be taken to Galena.

Downey, alias Peterson, will be taken to Wier, for questioning concerning a bank robbery there last August.

McALESTER, Ok., March 17.—(AP)—Warden Sam Brown of the state penitentiary here today refused to deliver Charles Cotner and Frank Downing, captured with Glenn Roy Wright and five other robber suspects, to two officers from Kansas.

### MONEY FOUND ON WRIGHT COUNTERFEIT

SAPULPA, Ok., March 17.—(AP)—Creek county officers today added counterfeiting to the list of crimes for which Glenn Roy Wright, arrested Thursday at Mannford, is wanted.

Sheriff Willis Strange received a telegram from federal secret service agent Osborne at Oklahoma City saying a 20 bill taken from Wright was suprious.

The money taken from Wright, who had \$180 in his possession when arrested, was declared one of the cleverest examples of counterfeiting ever seen here by officers.

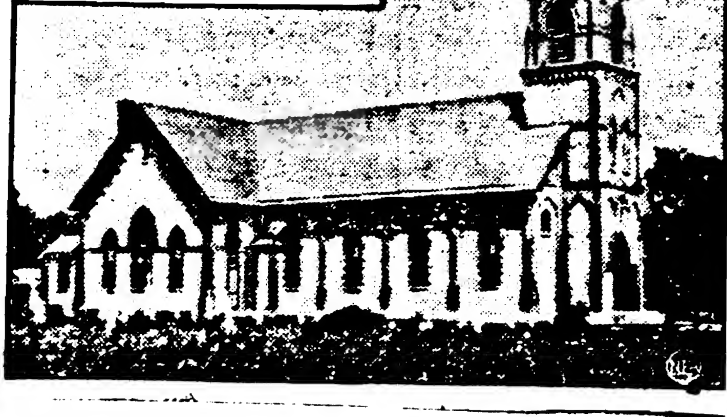
Captain George Stewart of the Tulsa police department, and other officers who examined the money could not tell that it was bad until it had been examined by Oklahoma City federal experts.

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Bremer Kid  
Missed

**TULSA TRIBUNE**  
**Chimes May Be a Kidnaping Clue**

Chimes of this church—St. Boniface Roman Catholic church in Menominee, Neb.—may lead investigators to the hideout where kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and where he heard morning and evening bells said to resemble in sound those of St. Boniface church. This church was one of scores visited within 300 miles of St. Paul, following this clue.



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## Bremer Kidnaping Suspects Missed by Day in U. S. Raid

Fingerprints Believed Those  
Of Karpis and Barker  
Found; Eight Held.

Two men wanted in connection with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, may have missed capture by less than 24 hours in the police and federal net which closed on six men and two women at Mannford Thursday, it was learned here Thursday night.

Fingerprints found in and around the little white farm house where the eight were captured were said to have been identified as those of Alvin Karpis and Arthur "Doc" Barker, wanted for questioning in the unsolved Bremer kidnaping at Minneapolis.

Paul Hansen, agent in charge of the division of investigation here in the absence of Dwight Brantley, denied that federal agents in the raid were working on the Bremer case. He admitted, however, he had communicated with Minneapolis federal agents.

"We are interested in all these criminals and a thorough investigation of all the persons captured Thursday certainly will be made," Hansen said.

Those arrested in the biggest bag of criminals in recent months were:

Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, wanted for murder at Picher and for robberies in Kansas, western Missouri and Nebraska.

Charles Cotner, 49 years old, suspected of the attempted kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, and wanted for a double murder at Chelsea, Okla., February 4.

Ed Brophy, 33 years old, alias Ed Brodie, who served a term in the state prison at McAlester under the name of Pat Collins.

Ira Brackett, 43 years old, at whose house the arrests were made.

J. W. McAtee, 38 years old, believed to be from Coffeyville, Kan., and for a time thought to be Harry Campbell, an outlaw.

Frank Downey, alias J. C. Johnson, 35 years old, who said he was "from Georgia."

Grace Cutler, 33 years old, of Vian, Okla., arrested in the company of Cotner.

Winnie Morris, 30 years old, who said her home was in England, Ark.

Five of the suspects, Wright, McAtee, Johnson, Briscoe and Cotner, were taken to the state prison at McAlester for safekeeping, while Brackett and the two women were held in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa.

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# EIGHT CAPTURED IN OUTLAW LAIR

Glen Roy Wright, Bremer  
Kidnaping Suspect, Is  
Among Those Held

## BANDITS SURRENDER WITHOUT A BATTLE

Raid in Creek County Cli-  
maxed 10 Days' Work  
by Federal Officers

### SPECIAL TRUCK FOUND

Machine Gun Range Used by  
Bandits for Target Prac-  
tice, Discovered

(Pictures on Page 10.)

By a Staff Correspondent.

MANNFORD, March 15.—Out-  
laws lost another decision to the law  
near here early today, this time a  
bloodless one, when a posse of 29  
city, state and federal officers  
swooped down on an isolated farm  
house seven miles west of here and  
captured Glen Roy Wright and sev-  
en companions without a struggle.

The raid, which climaxed 10 days  
of work by N. E. Hollis of the in-  
vestigation bureau of the depart-  
ment of justice and Capt. George  
Stewart of the Tulsa police depart-  
ment, who were aided by Oklaho-  
ma and Kansas state operatives and  
deputies from Creek and Payne  
counties, had been expected to net  
at least two suspects sought in con-

nection with the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul,  
Minn., banker.

The Bremer suspects, Freddie Bar-  
ker and Alvin Karpis, whose finger-  
prints were found on a five-gallon

### WRIGHT TO STILLWATER

Governor—Murray early last  
night by long-distance telephone  
ordered prison officials at McA-  
lester to turn Glen Roy Wright and  
J. W. McAtee, who first was be-  
lieved to be Harry Campbell, to  
the custody of Sheriff M. J. Brad-  
ley of Payne county.

Wright and Campbell are  
charged in Payne county warrants  
with the robbery last fall of the  
Stillwater sales day treasury of  
about \$5,000 in cash. In view of  
the identification of McAtee it is  
probable that only Wright will be  
returned to Stillwater tomorrow.

gasoline tin and a flashlight aban-  
doned by the kidnapers, while not  
arrested this morning, are known to  
be associates of Wright, considered  
by all to be the most dangerous of  
those arrested today.

### Wanted in Smith Slaying

Wright has been sought for ques-  
tioning for almost two years in con-  
nection with the slaying of J. Kaffie  
Smith, Tulsa lawyer, believed to  
have been "put on the spot" for the  
alleged double cross of J. Harvey  
Bailey, now serving a life sentence  
at Leavenworth following his con-  
viction in federal court at Oklahoma  
City for the Urschel kidnaping.  
Smith's bullet-riddled body was  
found near Indian Hills Country  
club. Harry Campbell, known inti-  
mate of Wright's, also is sought in  
connection with the Smith slaying.

The lonely farmhouse, lonely be-  
cause it is at least two miles from  
the nearest neighbor, is easily visible  
from the state highway 23, being  
about a quarter of a mile north of  
the road. Sitting on a slight knoll, it  
commands a view for several hun-  
dreds of yards in every direction.

### Paid \$10 Weekly Rent

The farm of 160 acres, is owned by  
Walter Brooks of Wetumka, who for  
the past 18 months has rented it to  
Ira Brackett whose wife rented  
rooms to Wright and his companions  
at "\$10 a week because it helped pay  
our grocery bill."

Those arrested besides Wright in-  
cluded Chester Cotner, Ed Brophy,  
alias Pat Collins alias Alonzo Briscoe,  
John McAtee, Coffeyville, Kan.;  
Frank Downey, Brackett, Mrs. Grace  
Cotner and Winnie Morris. Mrs.  
Brackett was not arrested and yes-  
terday afternoon she and her two  
children were still at their farm  
home.

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and the two women arrested, all were taken to the state penitentiary at McAlester about 10 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Willis Strange of Creek county, Stewart Hollis and Floyd Sellers, Sapulpa policeman, and others who reached the penitentiary early this afternoon.

#### Officers Start Quiz

There, with the aid of state operatives from Oklahoma and Kansas, the arresting officers started the tedious task of questioning those arrested and checking up on their recent activities.

Wright had in his possession \$210 in new \$10 bills, while Mrs. Cucklin had \$86 in currency in her purse. Hollis scouted the possibility that any of the money might be connected with the Bremer job, in that the \$200,000 ransom paid for the banker's release was paid in worn money.

However it was believed that it might be possible to connect Wright with the robbery of an Atchison, Kan., bank Monday in which \$21,000 was obtained.

Brophy, who is about 55 years old, gave an alias when arrested, and was found to have served a term at the state penitentiary at McAlester from Garfield county on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He also had served a term in the Tulsa county jail for conjoint robbery. He is a tailor by trade. He also is wanted in Minneapolis for bank robbery, dispatches from there revealed.

#### Cotner Has Record

Cotner also has a prison record and has been known as a confederate of Ford Bradshaw, long sought Oklahoma desperado who was killed by an officer about 10 days ago near Arkoma. He also faces a murder charge in Rogers county in connection with the slaying in Chelsea last month of Eddie Clanton, said to have been an accomplice of Cotner and Bradshaw. Clanton's body was found in an alley there after the two had been surprised in the act of robbing a hardware store.

John McAtee, while having no criminal record at the state penitentiary, is believed to have been implicated in recent Kansas bank robberies. He left Coffeyville recently, owing considerable money and a car found in his possession this morning was identified as having been used in the Atchison bank robbery, Monday.

#### Suspected 90 Days

Although Mrs. Brackett insisted that the "boarders" had only been at the house for the past week, officers in that territory say that the house has been suspected as being a bandit hangout for the past 90 days.

Large purchases of groceries at Olton, five miles west of the house, and at Mannford, seven miles east, by Brackett, and a large number of cars arriving at and leaving the house all hours of the day and night, first centered the attention of authorities on the obscure place.

Then not long ago two farmers living near by who were cutting timber on the place, reported that

rapid-fire guns on the place. One of them took a sample of the bullets found on the range, located about a mile from the highway, to Jack Airy, chief of police at Drumright. The bullets were identified as having been fired from a machine gun.

#### Constantly Watched

Since that time the house has been constantly watched. It was noticed that no plans were made for breaking ground for spring crops; that the cattle feeding, which last year had occupied Brackett constantly, did not require so much of his time. Arrivals of cars were checked and license numbers noted.

With the co-operation of the department of justice, Operative Hollis and Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police department, this morning's raid was planned.

All officers who were to participate were informed and their parts were rehearsed carefully. Maps were drawn and the duty of each party and individual was carefully detailed.

#### Inclined to Wait

However it was not expected last night that the raid would be made today. It was known that Wright had been at the place and it was believed that Campbell and the Barker brothers also had been visitors there. Wanting the last three named for many jobs, federal operatives were inclined to wait until they were sure their prey would be there.

However, this morning at 2 o'clock a car drove up to the place and two men got out. Wright and Brophy had been seen to leave the place earlier and it was believed that possibly the Barkers had come in.

The raid was called and at dawn the officers mobilized at their designated places. Silently they crept up on the house from three sides, leaving the glass enclosed room occupied by Wright unprotected in that it was believed that a constant lookout was kept from his room.

#### House Surrounded

Stealing through the draw the heavily armed men had completely surrounded the house before any of its occupants knew what was going on.

Captain Stewart, Jim Bracewell of the Kansas state police department, Floyd Sellers of Sapulpa and United States Operative Hollis crashed into the front and rear doors at a given signal. Stewart and Hollis threw machine guns into Wright's stomach.

McAtee grabbed for a pistol but was persuaded by a posseman that such action would be fatal. Few words were spoken by either the raiders or the group arrested.

The interior of the shack offered

an odd contrast to its neat exterior. Rough walls, beds and clothing, furniture and guns and ammunition strewn all over the place. Two toy pistols were on a littered dresser. Dolls and other toys of the smaller Brackett girl cluttered every corner of the place.

In the toys was a story of money. Some expensive, some cheap and all were out of place in a house of its type.

Road maps of practically every state in the Union were found in various parts of the house and in the room occupied by Wright was a large wall highway map of the United States. It had been snatched from its hanging place and torn badly in the process.

#### Food for a Week

In the kitchen was food enough to last for at least a week. A 200-pound sack of flour, a stalk of bananas, about 30 pounds of coffee in five-pound cans, five-gallon can of lard, four sides of bacon, a case of eggs, a dozen loaves of bread and large quantities of beans, salt pork and other staples were cached about the kitchen and an untidy lean-to at the rear of the house.

#### Quantity of Chains

In the barn, which had been converted into a four-car garage, was a large quantity of heavy-duty chains. They were kept in what had been a corner. In a lean-to addition to the barn was found, after an all-day search, a new Ford V-8 truck. It had 2,989 miles on the speedometer. It had been concealed from view by the tunning arrangement of hay bales which completely obscured it but which could be removed or replaced in a very few minutes to permit egress to the hiding place.

In a corner and well hidden was found a cache containing three quarts of nitroglycerin.

The truck, believed to have been stolen recently, was equipped with a hand winch and heavy chains and long side-bars. Officers demonstrated the ease with which the group, equipped with the truck, might haul bank safes out and take them to a place where it would be safe to open them by explosives.

#### Raiders Take Rifles

The raiders took two automatic rifles, one submachine gun, three Lugers, four shotguns, six .45 Colt automatics and more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition from the place. Cartridge boxes, old and weather-beaten, were common sights in the littered grounds of the little house.

A Chevrolet coupe, property of the Bracketts, was the only car left at the place yesterday. The raiding party had driven three others found here to Sapulpa. Pauline Brackett, 14, daughter of the farmer, lamented the fact that the raiders had taken the key to the coupe. She couldn't give it to the Mannford high school or classes yesterday. Neither could her smaller sister, Edna, 22, attend the district school about a mile away.

# Raid on Farm May Yet Give Kidnap Clues

Two of Bremer Captors  
Recently Reported in  
This Part of State

Find Their Fingerprints

Creek County Sheriff Does  
Not Believe Farm Used  
to Hide Banker

M'ALESTER, March 16.—(AP)—State's prison authorities engaged today in a study of fingerprints in an effort to learn more about the six men and two women captured near Mannford by a posse close on the trail of bandits and suspects sought for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Five of the prisoners—Glen Roy Wright, Charles Cotner, Ed Brophy, J. W. McAtee and Frank Downey—were brought to the penitentiary here for safekeeping. The others—Ira Brackett, at whose home the arrests were made in a dawn raid yesterday, and the two women,

## WAS NOT ALONZO BRISCOE

Ed Brophy, one of the men captured in Thursday's raid, hit on the name of a Tulsan when he gave an alias at the time of his arrest, it was revealed today. He first maintained he was Alonzo Briscoe, finally admitting his real name to be Brophy when questioned at McAlester. The real Alonzo Briscoe was formerly a tailor here and still lives in Tulsa.

Grace Cutler, 33, and Winnie Morris, 20—remained in the Creek County jail at Sapulpa.

Two of the Bremer suspects, Ar-

thur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, were reported to have been in northeastern Oklahoma recently. Their fingerprints were found on a flash light and gasoline cans abandoned by the kidnapers in Minnesota.

Frank Downey was tentatively identified today as Frank (Nick) Peterson, wanted for an August, 1933, bank robbery at Wier, Kan., and for bank robberies in Kansas and Nebraska.

Wright and Cotner are wanted for murder and robberies. Cotner also is a suspect in the attempted

## NO POLICE COMMISSIONS

There were no Tulsa police badges or commissions found in the raid near Mannford Thursday in which eight were arrested, Capt. George Stewart, Tulsa police, said today. Stewart said that a special officer's badge, such as can be bought at any novelty store, was found with the name "J. W. Pierce" on it.

kidnaping of Peggy Landon, daughter of Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas.

Brophy served a term in the Oklahoma prison under the name of Pat Collins. Little information was available about Brackett, McAtee or Downey.

The Cutler woman was in the company of Cotner. Officers declared that Winnie Morris, who said her home was at England, Ark., was not the girl with Ford Bradshaw, Cookson hills hoodlum, when he was slain at Arkoma, Ok., recently.

## BRADLEY GETS WRIGHT

Acting on a protest of Sheriff M. J. Bradley of Payne county, Governor Murray late Thursday directed Warden Sam Brown of the peniten-

## GIRL ESCAPES PRISON

M'ALESTER, Ok., March 16.—(INS)—Pauline Herring, 17, serving a five-year sentence in the state prison here for robbery with firearms, sawed her way out of her cell and escaped, prison officials revealed today.

tiary to release Wright and McAtee for arraignment at Stillwater today on robbery charges in the \$5,000 holdup of a farmers' auction. Sheriff Bradley protested he was the only officer in the posse who held warrants for the two men.

In addition to many guns and equipment of criminals found in the

Mannford raid, officers late yesterday discovered a stolen truck, equipped with winch and skids on the farm. It had been concealed completely under bales of hay. Two quarts of nitroglycerin used in "blowing" safes were also discovered.

Mrs. Brackett intimated the men were allowed to stay at the farm because "they paid good money."

To preclude any possibility of escape, the five men brought here were held under special guard and were not permitted to talk to one another. Six steel barred doors and the prison walls were between them and liberty.

Sheriff Willis Strange at Sapulpa said McAtee would not be taken to Stillwater for trial.

Cotner will be turned to Kansas officers who accuse him of participation in bank robberies at Galena and Baxter Springs.

Grace Cutler, will be taken to Galena or Baxter Springs, to be questioned about bank robberies there.

Winnie Morris will be taken to Kansas, but Smith said he had not decided yet on what charge. The women waived extradition.

Grace Cutler was identified as a relative of J. A. McAtee, one of those captured, who will be sent to Noble county, Oklahoma, where he is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of a night marshal and the burglary of a grocery store at Billings. Ballistics tests showed a pistol taken with McAtee was used on that occasion, and Billings residents identified a large quantity of groceries confiscated at the Mannford farmhouse where the arrests took place.

Brackett will be charged with harboring criminals, according to Strange. No decision had been reached concerning the filing of charges against Brophy.

## NOT BREMER HIDING PLACE BELIEF OF SHERIFF

Sheriff Willis Strange today said he was positive that the house near Mannford in which officers arrested eight outlaw suspects Thursday had not been used as the hiding place in which kidnapers held Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul, Minn., banker, as had been suspected.

Sheriff Strange pointed out that Bremer had said he could hear church bells and that none could be heard in the hide-out raided Thursday.

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Strange revealed that the groceries found in the hide-out apparently were those taken from a store at Billings Tuesday night by outlaws who held up the night marshal there in the robbery. Strange pointed out that an auto similar to the ones used in the raid at Billings was found in a barn on the farm near Mannford.

#### WRIGHT TRYING TO MAKE STILLWATER BARGAIN

STILLWATER, March 18.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright was brought here secretly in the early morning hours today and held under heavy guard while county authorities prepared robbery with firearms charges.

Within a few minutes after he had arrived, nine persons, including George Flesner, chairman of the county commission, and Bob Parker, lumber company official, had identified him as one of the machine-guns who staged a \$5,000 raid on a farm auction sale last summer.

It was expected Wright would be arraigned during the afternoon. It was reported he was trying to bargain with Sheriff Jim Bradley and County Attorney Guy Horton, offering to plead guilty in return for a recommendation for a life sentence. The death sentence is possible for armed robbery.

However, it was generally believed District Judge Freeman Miller would not be bound by any such recommendation, without hearing evidence from the score of persons held at gunpoint during the sales day robbery.

Should Wright plead guilty at arraignment, it was anticipated he would be taken at once before Judge Miller to re-enter his plea and receive sentence.

# Suspect in Tulsa Murder, Pals To Face Probe

Paul Hansen, in charge of the department of justice investigation department here, said Thursday this office was represented in the Osage county raid, but declined to say any of the eight are wanted for a kidnaping.

"We want to question two or three of those fellows," said Hansen, "but I do not say it is in the Bremer or any other kidnaping."

The government was represented by H. E. Hollis, agent attached to the Tulsa office, he said.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—(P)—The Minneapolis Tribune Thursday said United States department of justice agents and an Oklahoma sheriff on the trail of suspects in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Thursday raided a remote Osage county farm house and seized six men and two women.

The men the officers had hoped to arrest were Alvin Karpis and Freddie Parker, who have been identified through fingerprints as members of the Bremer kidnaping mob, the Tribune said. Others sought with Parker and Karpis were Harry Campbell and "Doc" Barker.

Names of the men captured were telephoned immediately to department agents in St. Paul in an effort to establish connections, the Tribune added.

The department of justice is trying to establish connections between the men arrested and Karpis and Barker on the assumption they were members of the same mob which has raided banks throughout the southwest and as far north as Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Both Parker and Karpis were known to have had connections with Twin Cities alcohol racketeers and were seen in St. Paul within the last two years.

George E. Anderson, a relative of Karpis, was found shot to death near Webster, Wis., while the men were being sought in connection with the slaying of J. Earle Smith, Tulsa attorney.

Fingerprints of Barker and Karpis were among those found on gasoline cans and a flashlight used during the Bremer kidnaping.

The gas cans were discovered on a roadside believed to have been the route taken in returning Bremer.

Barker and Karpis are wanted for murder at West Plains, Mo., another in West St. Paul. Among their associates were reported to be Vernon Miller, slain recently in Detroit; Frank Nash, killed last year in Kansas City; George (Machine Gun) Kelly, and Harvey Ball, wanted for slaying of Charles Dwyer, Oklahoma attorney.

## Six Are Captured In State Raid

MANNFORD, March 15.

(P)—Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, wanted for killings in Tulsa and Ottawa counties, Oklahoma, and for bank robbery, was captured with seven companions in a surprise raid on a little white farm house in the southern edge of the Osage hills near here Thursday.

Twenty-eight officers, from three Oklahoma counties, from the federal department of justice, and from the Kansas highway patrol, participated in the captures, which were accomplished without firing a shot.

### Wanted in Death Quis

With Wright was a man tentatively identified as J. W. McAtee of Coffeyville and Edna, Kan., but who officers said bore a strong resemblance to Harry Campbell, wanted with Wright for the Tulsa slaying, when J. Earle Smith, attorney for Harvey Ball, was taken for a "ride" in the summer of 1932.

Sapulpa officers, who have custody of the prisoners in the Creek county jail, began moving them to the state prison at McAlester for safekeeping Thursday noon.

A man who first gave his name as J. C. Cucklin, 46 years old, later was identified as Charles Cotner of Vian, wanted for the February 4 killing of Al Powell, deputy sheriff at Okemah, and for the slaying of one of his own companions, Eddie Clanton, member of the Cockerhill gang.

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## Wright Didn't Fight; He Was Too Smart, He Hints



—Photo by Lee Krupaick, World Bldg.  
Smoking cigaret after cigaret, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, yesterday morning was visibly nervous as he waited for Capt. George Stewart of the Tulsa police department to take him to McAlester for safe keeping.

## 28 Armed Officers and a Child Prevented Real Gun Battle, Outlaw Indicates

**SAPULPA, March 14.**—His twitching fingers curling the end of a newly lighted cigaret instead of the trigger of a submachine gun, Glen Roy Wright, who has been on the scout from authorities for the past 20 months, was far from being at ease in the jailor's office of the Creek county jail here this morning.

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His hands shook visibly when he lighted his cigaret and he twitched nervously as he exhaled a cloud of smoke.

There isn't anything to be afraid of, Glen Roy replied to a question asked him at the end of the trail. All there is, he said, is the fact that I am a criminal and I am going to stay in jail until I am released.

A smile crossed his face as he dragged on the last burning cigaret and, crossing his arms, he said: "I don't care what you think about me."

Well, there might have been some trouble if there hadn't been about 28 officers of the law.

But snap—your life, your freedom, for 20 months you have been scuttling. You had a big supply of ammunition and plenty of money. Why did you hold up so much by his questioner persisted.

There is no need in having any heroics about this arrest, I said. That's all. I had been mighty lucky since I was arrested in Tulsa. It ended this morning. I came very near not going back to the house. I wish that I hadn't, Wright replied.

Wright said that he had been out of the state but seldom. Most of his time had been spent "right around here." He denied that he had ever been to Minneapolis. His knowledge of the Bremer kidnapping, he said, came only through the press.

He indicated that if the raiding party had been composed of eight men, rather than 28, that there might have been a far different story to tell.

"No, I am not yellow," he bristled when taunted about his giving up without burning powder, but I said there were about 30 heavily armed men in that yard. Life is sweet, whether it be spent in jail or at liberty, and in the spot I was in, there probably will be but little difference in jail and the uncertain liberty that was mine.

HAVE you anything to tell your family in Tulsa? Wright was asked as he was led toward the door.

No, nothing, but here, give this jacket to my brother. The state will buy my clothes from now on, and Wright walked out of the jailor's office and started his trip for McAlester. He will remain there until he is brought to trial on one of the many charges he faces in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

It was back in 1916 that the Tulsa county sheriff's office first made the acquaintance of Glen Roy Wright. He was arrested at that time on a charge of burglary and larceny and given a two-year suspended sentence.

Five years later, on June 21, 1921, he was committed to the state penitentiary after having received a two-year sentence for burglary. He escaped from the penitentiary on November 4, 1924, but was captured and served until released in 1926.

He was arrested on another burglary charge on May 18, 1927, and was evidently cleared as no disposition of the case is on record at the sheriff's office.

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WRIGHT'S first crime of violence was recorded in 1917 while he was serving in the army. He was sentenced to a term in the army barracks for attacking a commissioned officer while carrying a concealed weapon, but the exact nature of his sentence is not on file. Alonzo Brisco, alias Pat Collins, alias Ed Brophy, has been arrested only once by the Tulsa county sheriff's office. According to the files he was arrested on September 13, 1932, on a charge of assault robbery and auto theft, but no disposition of

the case is on file. The 36-year-old tailor may have a more extensive criminal record in other vicinities, but he is practically unknown by local officers.

No history has been filed on Chester Cotner, John McAtee, Frank Downing, Grace Cucklin or Winnie Morris. It was pointed out, however, that these names may be aliases and the officers might discover something of their records, if any, when they are fingerprinted.



# Raid On Creek County Bandit Hideout

## Nets Eight Prisoners

### Outlaws Paid Farmer Well; Wanted Fresh Air, Quiet

Fresh air and the peace and quiet of country life were the motives that took four men and two women to a farm west of Mannford, they had told Mrs. Lula Brackett, 41 years old, at whose home the six were arrested in a raid by a large group of officers early yesterday morning.

"They all paid me \$10 a week for room and board," Mrs. Brackett said, in explanation of their presence.

"They never offered any excuse for wanting to stay out here except that the air was nice and it was quiet here."

"Times have been hard for us during the last year and when that kind of people drop in with the money to pay, their room rent has helped me pay my grocery bill."

She said that when the weather was fair the men would go out for target practice, and the women would get into their automobiles and go for drives.

"All they seemed to want," Mrs. Brackett continued, "was quiet, food and a bed to sleep in. One of the women had to leave her two pet dogs here when the officers took them away and I suppose we'll have to give them away."

Mrs. Brackett admitted that she had been keeping roomers like that for more than a year, since they moved to the place near Mannford from a farm at the edge of Sapulpa. Previously, the family has lived in Bryan county near Durant.

Brackett was taken to jail with the six roomers. The Bracketts have three daughters, Pauline, 14, who attends Mannford high school; Allene, 10, student in a nearby district school, and an elder girl in Oklahoma City.

While the early morning raid interrupted the girls' attendance at school yesterday, both said they planned to continue going to their classes.

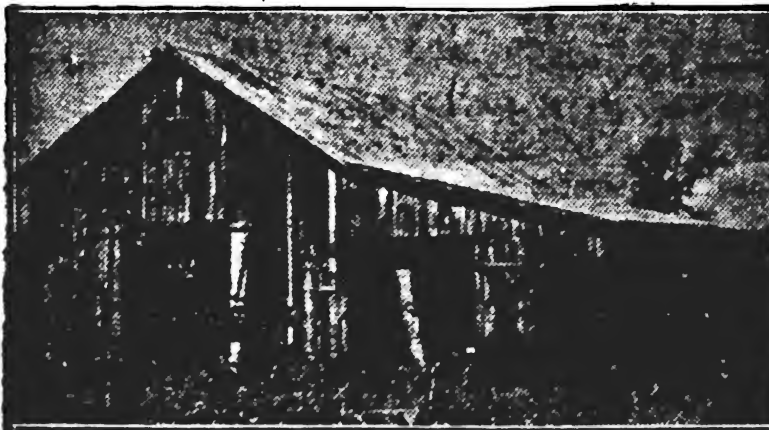
Realizing that her husband might be jailed for a considerable period of time, Mrs. Brackett yesterday completed a deal with a neighbor to help her feed their 50 head of cattle, which stood in a nearby field, and to continue with the general farm work.

Merchants in Mannford had extended the Bracketts' credit and the farmer had been successful in borrowing funds from the bank to carry out his cattle feeding program.

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At the left is the ramshackle barn on the Brackett farm midway between Olin and Mannford which was raided early yesterday morning by 29 policemen, deputy sheriffs and state and government operatives. At the right is the house and yesterday's guard detail, composed of Hill Nolen, Ray Cox and Ben Crabtree of Drumright.



—Photos by Lee E. Brown, World Bldg.  
Above, standing from left to right, are Glen Roy Wright, Ed Brophy, Chester Deane, Frank Rowney and John Madala. The picture was taken in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa a few minutes before the heavily-manned prisoners were started for the state prison at McAlester for life-keeping.



Photograph at left shows the bedroom occupied by Wright. The wide expanse of windows enabled any occupant to have a clear view of approaches to the place. The windows had been installed only recently. At

the right is a view of the truck which had been hidden behind Cox and Helen of Drumright are standing at the rear of the vehicle.



Mrs. Brackett, tenant of Wright.

Photograph at left shows the wife and children of Wright. At right is Mrs. Brackett and Wright.

# Ammunition, Guns Seized by Officers

Glen Roy Wright, Wanted at Miami on  
Murder Charge, Is Captured

By JOHN H. BOOKER  
Tribune Staff Correspondent

MANNFORD, March 15.—In a surprise raid early today on a four-room house seven and a half miles west of here, just 200 yards off highway 83, officers arrested Glen Roy Wright, wanted at Tulsa for bond jumping, at Miami for murder, and at Stillwater for robbery with firearms, and six of his companions.

Twenty-eight heavily-armed federal, county and city officers from Tulsa, Sapulpa and Stillwater formed the raiding party. They completely surrounded the house and approached from all directions shortly after daylight.

Occupants of the house were surprised and only one made a show of resistance.

Others arrested besides Wright were A. W. McAtee, J. D. Curklen, Alonzo Briscoe (alias Ed Brody), Ira Brackett, J. C. Johnson and a woman who says she is Curklen's wife. Two other women at the place were not held.

Briscoe is wanted for questioning in connection with a \$2,000 bank robbery. Johnson is wanted for questioning about several robberies. All were taken to the Creek county jail at Sapulpa.

McAtee reached for a gun when officers entered but dropped it at a sharp command.

A large supply of guns and ammunition was found in the house and in the several outbuildings. It included two .401 automatic shotguns, two automatic pistols, one revolver, one .12 gauge shotgun and one .22 rifle.

A steel bullet-proof vest, a complete set of tools suitable for burglaries and a complete acetylene torch outfit also were found on the place. Three automobiles, two of them declared by officers to be stolen, were hidden in a large barn. One was a Chevrolet sedan (Oklahoma 1934 license No. 711,229), one a Buick touring car (Kansas 1933 license No. 5-6049), and an Oldsmobile touring car (Oklahoma 1933 license No. 487,887). Officers said they believed the Buick was used in a recent Kansas bank robbery.

The raiding officers were recruited from Creek and Payne counties and from Tulsa and were led by Sheriff Willis Strange and Under-sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley of Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative from Tulsa, and Capt. George Stewart of Tulsa police.

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**GLEN ROY WRIGHT**

Tulsa burglar suspect, bond jumper and wanted for robbery and murder elsewhere, who was captured early today near Mannford by a large posse of officers who arrested six men and one woman in a carefully planned sortie.

## Wright Wanted Here on a Bond Jumping Charge

**He Had Been Questioned Following Murder of Tulsa Attorney**

Glen Roy Wright, arrested this morning in a raid near Mannford, was an associate of Harry Campbell, sought here for questioning in connection with the gangland murder of J. Earl Smith, attorney for the two in a burglary case, had himself been sought for jumping bond while awaiting trial here for burglary of the H. F. Wilcox Oil and Gas Co., in which a large amount of bonds were stolen.

John Evans, chief criminal deputy

sheriff, said today that the officers had never connected Wright with Smith's murder, but believe that Campbell was connected.

Wright was questioned by Evans at the time of the murder. Campbell had disappeared. When trial of the two on the burglary charge came up in district court, neither appeared.

Smith, who had also represented Harvey Bailey, kidnaper of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, was slain two days after he had appeared for Bailey at a hearing in Fort Smith, Ark.

Wright and Campbell were known to have been running together for some time after the Smith murder.

### ESCAPED OFFICERS

He escaped from a group of officers at Siloam Springs, Ark., last August, when Gene Johnson, another Tulsa outlaw, was slain. Wright was reported wounded at the time.

Wright and Johnson first came into prominence here in 1927 when they were accused of robbing R. B. Thompson, 2220 S. St. Louis av., of \$11,000 in money and jewelry.

Wright was convicted in the robbery and sentenced to 10 years at McAlester in March, 1927. He was apparently paroled. His next arrest came May 22, 1932, in the Wilcox burglary.

The criminal record of Wright includes a seven-year sentence for burglary back in 1921. He escaped from prison in 1924 and was caught in the next year. He was an inmate in the state tuberculosis hospital at Clinton at the time of his escape.

He was a steam fitter by trade.

### WILL YIELD HIM

He was convicted June 8, 1931, here of burglarizing the home of L. R. Darrow, 405 E. Ninth st.

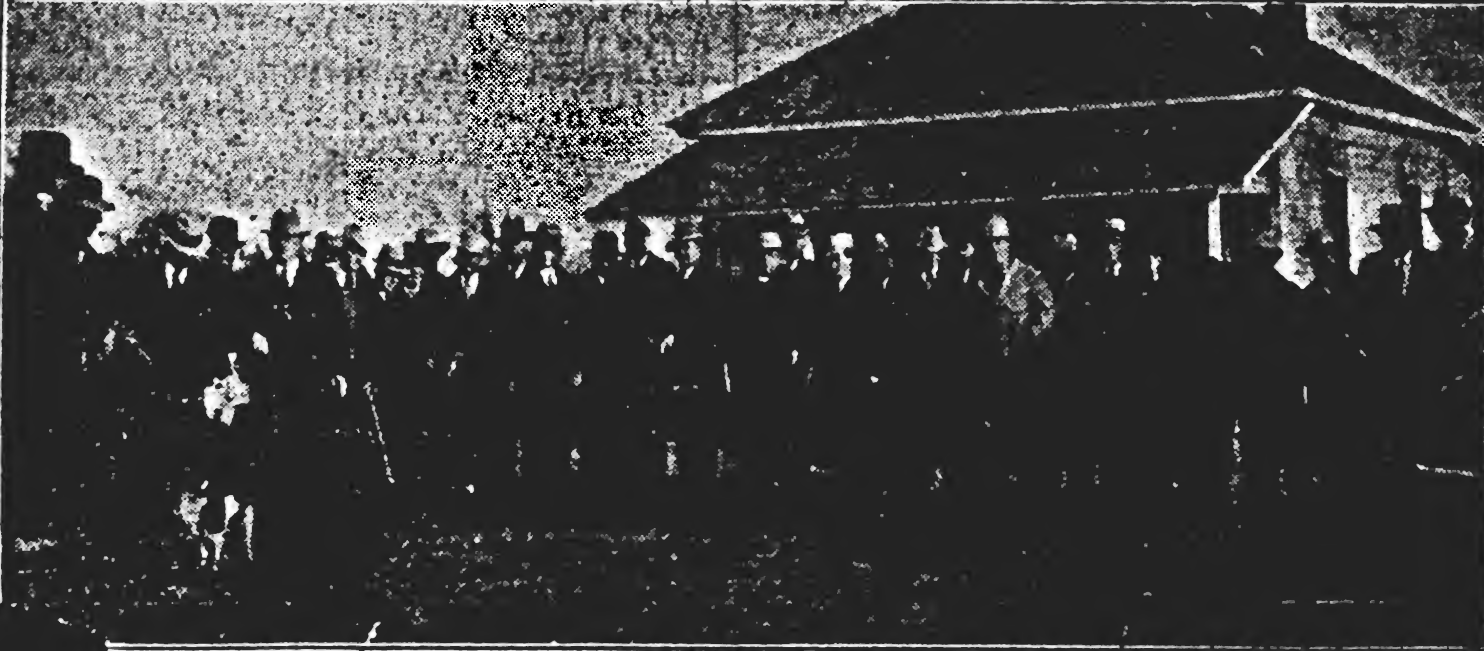
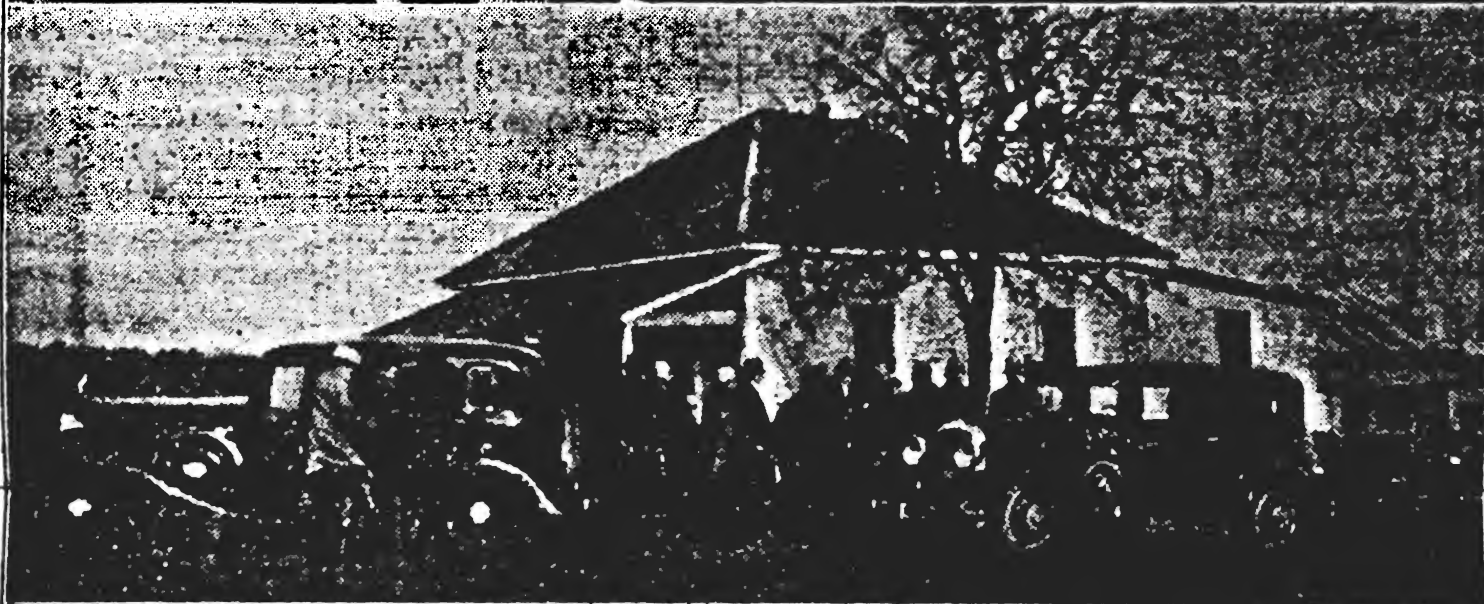
In 1924, his family appealed for clemency on the ground that he was tubercular. John Goldesberry, then county attorney, declined to approve the petition for parole.

It is doubtful that Wright will be brought here on the burglary charge. Evans said today that Tulsa county would yield him to either Payne county on the robbery charge, or Ottawa county on the murder charge.

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# Six of Captives, Scene of Bandit Raid and the Men



—Photos by Tribune Staff Photographer

Above are a few scenes when Federal, Creek and Payne county, and Tulsa city police made a successful raid early today near Mannford, arresting six men and two women. Included in the group was Glenn Roy Wright, wanted in Tulsa for head jumping, at Miami for murder and at Stillwater for robbery with firearms.

The top picture shows the captives, with the exception of Charles Cotner and Grace Cutler, who, when the picture was being made, were being questioned elsewhere on the premises. Those in the picture, from left to right, are Winnie Morris, J. C. Johnson, Ira Brackett, Alonzo Briscoe, J. W. McAtee and Glenn Roy Wright.

The middle photo shows the four-room house, seven and one-half miles west of Mannford, where the capture was made shortly after daylight.

The posse of 25 heavily armed officers, led by Sheriff Willis Strange and Undersheriff Wesley Gage, Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley, Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative of Tulsa, and Capt. George Stewart, Tulsa police, is shown in the lower photograph.

The raid was featured by a lack of bloodshed, only two captives showing any sign of resistance, both being quickly subdued when guns indicated impending disaster if they moved.

## Surprise Dawn Raid Finds Captives Unprepared; Heavily Armed Officers Block Resistance

## Murder, Holdup Sus- pects Rushed to Pen

## Arrest May Solve Slayings Here and Elsewhere; Guns, Robbery Equip- ment Taken

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Seven companions including two women were arrested with Wright before they had a chance to open fire on the officers. Two attempts were made to start shooting from within the house, only to be quickly abandoned when those inside realized the strength of their captors.

Others arrested were: J. W. MATEE of Coffeyville and Edna, Kan., but whom officers said bore a striking resemblance to Harry Campbell, wanted for the

### WANTED FOR KIDNAPING

A Kansas City dispatch said today that a man identified as Charles Cotner after today's Mannford raid, was a ringleader in a plot to kidnap Peggy Ann Landon, daughter of the Kansas governor, last fall.

killing of J. Earle Smith, an attorney, near Tulsa. Smith was taken for a fatal ride in the summer of 1932.

McAtee varied in physical build from the Harry Campbell last arrested three years ago, but walks with a limp, as does Campbell. No fingerprint identification had been made.

J. C. CUCKLIN, 49, whom Capt. George Stewart, of the Tulsa police, identified as Charles Cotner, wanted in connection with the recent killing of a companion, Eddie Clanton, during a Chelsea robbery attempt in which a night officer was also slain.

ALONZO BRISCOE, alias Ed Brody, 58, also identified by Captain Stewart as Frank Downey of the Eno-Bradshaw outlaw gang, and wanted for a bank robbery at Leroy, Kan.

IRA BRACKETT, 43, at whose house the raid occurred.

A man who gave his name as J. C. Johnson, 35.

WINNIE MORRIS, 20, of Eng-land, Ark.

GRACE CUTLER, of Vian, Ok., who at first declared she was Cucklin's wife but later denied it. One other woman found at the place was not held.

Cucklin later told officers at Sapulpa, Creek county seat, where all were taken after the raid, that he

### HAD TULSA COMMISSIONS

Two commissions from the Tulsa police department were found in the "bandit arsenal" near Mannford today. Officers at Sapulpa declined to reveal by whom they were signed. A Tulsa police badge bearing the name "J. W. Pierce" and another without a name were also found.

had loaned a car to a friend to use in the Chelsea robbery but denied accompanying the friend. He admitted he knew Ford Bradshaw.

Briscoe said that he had been at the raided house a week.

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Needles and equipment for hypodermic use were found in the house as well as a barrel of small nails, such as used by fleeing outlaws to throw onto roads behind them, preventing pursuit.

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and from Tulsa and were led by Sheriff Willis Starnes and Under-sheriff Wesley Gage of Creek county; Sheriff J. M. Bradley of Payne county; H. E. Hollis, federal operative from Tulsa, and Capt. George Stewart of Tulsa police.

When searched at Sapulpa Wright was found to possess \$180 in new \$20 bills and the Cutler woman had \$86.

Wright is wanted at Miami for the fatal shooting of William Witten, of Chickasha, Ok., an employee of an automobile convoy company who was killed during a robbery at Picher, near Miami, in May, 1933. In Stillwater Wright is wanted as a suspect in a \$5,000 farm auction raid.

A Kansas dispatch said McAtee was a hostler and chef in Coffeyville 15 years. He left there about

### WANTED IN KANSAS

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., March 15.—(AP)—Glenn Roy Wright, captured today in Oklahoma, and Harry Campbell, sought by Oklahoma officers, are wanted for questioning concerning the robbery of the Union Gas office at Coffeyville, Kan., Jan. 9, 1933.

### CLUE TO BREMER CASE?

MINNEAPOLIS, March 15.—The Minneapolis Tribune today said that a United States department of justice agent on the trial of suspects in the Edward Bremer \$200,000 ransom kidnaping, aided officers in the Mannford, Ok., raid.

February 1 owing many bills and driving a sedan, license tag No. 5-6049, one of the seized cars.

The two short-lived moves to resist the raiders came while the circle of officers were closing in on the house.

H. E. Hollis, Tulsa federal operative, Captain Stewart, J. M. Bracewell, of Kansas state highway patrol, and Floyd Sellers, veteran of the recent Sapulpa bandit battle, broke through the front door of the house while their companions formed a cordon around the place.

McAtee reached for a pistol but dropped it quickly when officers surrounded him with drawn weapons. At the same time a Drum-right officer, looking through a window from outside, with a sub-machine gun ready, shouted:

"Drop it or I'll blow you out of that house."

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Wright at Sapulpa said that just before the officers entered the house he saw a newsman and a girl reporter coming along the 200-yard driveway toward the house and attempted to fire at them but a little girl stood in his way. A moment later officers had him covered.

Shortly after noon today most of the men arrested started to the state penitentiary at McAlester closely guarded in four automobiles. They were being moved for safekeeping, officers said.

Brackett and one woman remain in the county jail.

A telegram from County Attorney Rolston, Jr., at Burlington, Kan., informed Sapulpa officers that a Kansas warrant is held for the man known as Alonzo Briscoe, charging bank robbery.

The raided house, officers de-

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clared, is believed to have been a bandit arsenal for this part of the state and a sort of terminal for outlaw activities.

When taken into custody Wright was in a weakened condition showing he had not yet fully recovered from wounds received several months ago when he escaped a posse from Oklahoma and Arkansas that shot and killed a bank robber named Gene Johnson.

At the early hour of the raid several of the persons in the house were but half-clad.

Rocky, scrub oak covered knobs lay on three sides of the house and officers took posts there to prevent escape. To the southwest was open field through which the men would have to run to try to get away.

The entire operation—approach, arrest and search of the premises, occupied only 20 minutes, starting at 7:15 a. m.

At dawn officers from Tulsa met the Sapulpa delegation at Sand Springs, 12 miles west of Tulsa, then met Bristow, Drumright, Cushing and Stillwater officers in Mannford, Ford.

The sun was just over the horizon when they stopped their cars and converged upon the house.

The systematic, quiet approach to the house was held to have prevented a costly gun battle.

For the last two weeks Creek county officers have watched the place.

The attack is the second so far this year for Sapulpa and Creek county officers against gunmen. Only recently six men were killed in a battle between officers and outlaws at a house just north of Sapulpa.

Survivors of that fight were in today's raid.

Other officers who took the bandit stronghold this morning included:

Sheriff Willis Strange, Deputy Sheriff Wesley Gage, Deputy Sheriff Lee Snider, Chief of Police J. O. Edwards, City Patrolmen Floyd Sellers, Claude Johnson, Marvin Sellers and Jack Brumley, the latter another of the Brumley brothers, two of whom have already died in outlaw clashes. All are from Sapulpa.

C. C. Scott, Tilman Bocock, Gale Bocock and Sheriff Jim Bradley, all from Payne county.

Ben Crabtree, Roy Cox, Jack Ary and Hall Nose, all from Drumright.

T. C. Davis, Albert Randall, Bill Williams, C. W. Dulaney and Joe Bolen, a Frisco special officer, all from Bristow.

J. M. Bracewell and Roy Glazer, Kansas state highway patrolmen.

C. W. Wood, Kansas City, of the Burns detective agency, who participated in the questioning at the Sapulpa jail, said Briscoe was formerly a tailor at a downtown Tulsa clothing store for several years.

Cotner, Wood added, was wanted for bank robberies at Stuttgart, Ark., Galena, Kan., Baxter Springs, Kan., Poteau and Okmulgee.

John Baker, clerk of the Exchange National bank of Atchison, Kan., which was robbed of \$21,500 by four men the first of the week, was on the way to Oklahoma today with two Kansas state patrolmen to view members of a bandit gang arrested at Mannford.

Police Chief Linville, shot six times by the bandits, and Ed Iverson, bank employe who was slugged and injured in a fall from the robbers' car, are believed to be recovering.

Wright and Campbell are wanted in Kay county for robbery with firearms in connection with the shooting of the Cushing refinery at Blackwell.

A district court case is pending against Charles Davis of Ponca City, charged with harboring the two outlaws and Gene Johnson.



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with the Wilcox Oil company safe robbery had Glen Roy submitted to authority; not since that time had the elusive freedom that all outlaws enjoy at times been interrupted by demands of police, but this morning he was at the end of his trail.

His hands shook visibly when he lighted his cigaret and his nostrils twitched nervously as he exhaled a cloud of smoke.

"There isn't anything to say," Glen Roy replied to a question. "I am in—at the end of the trail. That's all there is."

"You have a pretty bad reputation and are supposed to be a killer. How does it happen that you submitted

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to arrest so easily at the farm house?" the captured bandit was asked.

A SMILE curved his lips as he dragged on the fast-burning cigaret and, crossing his arms as much as his manacles would allow, he said:

"Well, there might have been some trouble if there hadn't been about 30 officers outside."

But man—your life, your freedom, for 20 months you have been scouting. You had a big supply of ammunition and plenty of armament, why did you fold up so quickly? his questioner persisted.

"There is no need in having any heroics about this arrest. I tell that's all. I had been mighty lucky since I was arrested in Tulsa and it ended this morning. I came very near not going back to the house. I wish that I hadn't," Wright replied.

Wright said that he had been out of the state but seldom. Most of his time had been spent "right around here." He denied that he had ever been to Minneapolis. His knowledge of the Bremer kidnapping, he said, came only through the press.

He indicated that if the raiding party had been composed of eight men, rather than 28, that there might have been a far different story to tell.

"No, I am not yellow," he bristled when taunted about his giving up without burning powder, "but I said there were about 30 heavily armed men in that yard. Life is sweet, whether it be spent in jail or at liberty, and in the spot I was in, there probably will be but little difference in jail and the uncertain liberty that was mine."

"HAVE you anything to tell your family in Tulsa?" Wright was asked as he was led toward the door.

"No—nothing, but here, give this jacket to my brother. The state will buy my clothes from now on," and Wright walked out of the jailor's office and started his trip for McAlester. He will remain there until he is brought to trial on one of the many charges he faces in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

It was back in 1916 that the Tulsa county sheriff's office first made the acquaintance of Glen Roy Wright. He was arrested at that time on a charge of burglary and larceny and given a two-year suspended sentence.

Five years later, on June 21, 1921, he was committed to the state penitentiary after having received a seven-year sentence for burglary. He escaped from the penitentiary on November 4, 1924, but was captured and served until released in 1926.

He was arrested on another burglary charge on May 10, 1932, but was evidently cleared as no disposition of the case is on record at the sheriff's office.

WRIGHT'S first crime of violence was recorded in 1917 while he was serving in the army. He was sentenced to a term in the army barracks for attacking a commissioned officer while carrying a concealed weapon, but the exact nature of his sentence is not on file.

Alonzo Brisco, alias Pat Collins, alias Ed Brophy, has been arrested only once by the Tulsa county sheriff's office. According to the files he was arrested on September 13, 1932, on a charge of conjoint robbery and auto theft, but no disposition of

the case is on file. The 53-year-old tailor may have a more extensive criminal record in other vicinities, but he is practically unknown by local officers.

No history has been filed on Chester Cotner, John McAtee, Frank Downing, Grace Cucklin or Winnie Morris. It was pointed out, however, that these names may be aliases and the officers might discover something of their records, if any, when they are fingerprinted.

# EIGHT CAPTURED IN OUTLAW LAIR

Glen Roy Wright, Bremer  
Kidnaping Suspect, Is  
Among Those Held

## BANDITS SURRENDER WITHOUT A BATTLE

Raid in Creek County Cli-  
maxed 10 Days' Work  
by Federal Officers

## SPECIAL TRUCK FOUND

Machine Gun Range Used by  
Bandits for Target Prac-  
tice, Discovered

(Pictures on Page 10.)

By a Staff Correspondent.

MANNFORD, March 15.—Out-  
laws lost another decision to the law  
near here early today, this time a  
bloodless one, when a posse of 29  
city, state and federal officers  
swooped down on an isolated farm  
house seven miles west of here and  
captured Glen Roy Wright and sev-  
en companions without a struggle.

The raid, which climaxed 10 days  
of work by N. E. Hollis of the in-  
vestigation bureau of the depart-  
ment of justice and Capt. George  
Stewart of the Tulsa police depart-  
ment, who were aided by Oklaho-  
ma and Kansas state operatives and  
deputies from Creek and Payne  
counties, had been expected to net  
at least two suspects sought in con-

nection with the kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul,  
Minn., banker.

The Bremer suspects, Freddie Bar-  
ker and Alvin Karpis, whose finger-  
prints were found on a five-gallon

### WRIGHT TO STILLWATER

Governor Murray early last  
night by long-distance telephone  
ordered prison officials at McAl-  
ester to turn Glen Roy Wright and  
J. W. McAtee, who first was be-  
lieved to be Harry Campbell, to  
the custody of Sheriff M. J. Brad-  
ley of Payne county.

Wright and Campbell are  
charged in Payne county warrants  
with the robbery last fall of the  
Stillwater sales day treasury of  
about \$5,000 in cash. In view of  
the identification of McAtee it is  
probable that only Wright will be  
returned to Stillwater tomorrow.

gasoline tin and a flashlight aban-  
doned by the kidnapers, while not  
arrested this morning, are known to  
be associates of Wright, considered  
by all to be the most dangerous of  
those arrested today.

### Wanted in Smith Slaying.

Wright has been sought for ques-  
tioning for almost two years in con-  
nection with the slaying of J. Earle  
Smith, Tulsa lawyer, believed to  
have been "put on the spot" for the  
alleged double cross of J. Harvey  
Bailey, now serving a life sentence  
at Leavenworth following his con-  
viction in federal court at Oklahoma  
City for the "Urachel" kidnaping.  
Smith's bullet-riddled body was  
found near Indian Hills Country  
club. Harry Campbell, known in-  
timate of Wright's, also is sought in  
connection with the Smith slaying.

The lonely farmhouse, lonely be-  
cause it is at least two miles from  
the nearest neighbor, is easily visible  
from the state highway 33, being  
about a quarter of a mile north of  
the road. Sitting on a slight knoll, it  
commands a view for several hun-  
dreds of yards in every direction.

### Paid \$10 Weekly Rent.

The farm of 160 acres, is owned by  
Walter Brooks of Wetumka, who for  
the past 18 months has rented it to  
Ira Brackett whose wife rented  
rooms to Wright and his companions  
at \$10 a week because it helped pay  
our grocery bill.

Those arrested besides Wright in-  
cluded Chester Cotner, Ed Brophy,  
alias Pat Collins alias Alonzo Brisco;  
John McAtee, Coffeyville, Kan.;  
Frank Downey, Brackett, Mrs. Grace  
Cotner and Winnie Morris. Mrs.  
Brackett was not arrested and yes-  
terday afternoon she and her two  
children were still at their farm  
home.

With the exception of Brackett

and the two women arrested, all  
were taken to the state penitentiary  
at McAlester about 10 o'clock this  
morning by Sheriff Willis Strange of  
Creek county, Stewart Hollis and  
Floyd Sellers, Sapulpa policeman,  
and others who reached the peni-  
tentiary early this afternoon.

### Officers Start Quiz.

There, with the aid of state oper-  
atives from Oklahoma and Kansas,  
the arresting officers started the  
tedious task of questioning those ar-  
rested and checking up on their re-  
cent activities.

Wright had in his possession \$210  
in new \$10 bills, while Mrs. Cuck-  
lin had \$86 in currency in her purse.  
Hollis scouted the possibility that  
any of the money might be con-  
nected with the Bremer job, in that  
the \$200,000 ransom paid for the  
banker's release was paid in worn  
money.

However it was believed that it  
might be possible to connect Wright  
with the robbery of an Atchison,  
Kan., bank Monday in which \$21,000  
was obtained.

Brophy, who is about 35 years old,  
gave an alias when arrested, and  
was found to have served a term at  
the state penitentiary at McAlester  
from Garfield county on a charge of  
assault with intent to kill. He also  
had served a term in the Tulsa  
county jail for conjoint robbery. He  
is a tailor by trade. He also is want-  
ed in Minneapolis for bank robbery,  
dispatches from there revealed.

### Cotner Has Record.

Cotner also has a prison record  
and has been known as a confed-  
erate of Ford Bradshaw, long sought  
Oklahoma desperado who was killed  
by an officer about 10 days ago near  
Arkoma. He also faces a murder  
charge in Rogers county in con-  
nection with the slaying in Chelsea last  
month of Eddie Clanton, said to have  
been an accomplice of Cotner and  
Bradshaw. Clanton's body was  
found in an alley there after the  
two had been surprised in the act  
of robbing a hardware store.

John McAtee, while having no  
criminal record at the state peni-  
tentiary, is believed to have been  
implicated in recent Kansas bank  
robberies. He left Coffeyville re-  
cently, owing considerable money  
and a car found in his possession  
this morning was identified as hav-  
ing been used in the Atchison bank  
robbery, Monday.

### Suspected 30 Days.

Although Mrs. Brackett insisted  
that the "boarders" had only been  
at the house for the past week, offi-  
cers in that territory say that the  
house has been suspected as being  
a bandit hangout for the past 30  
days.

Large purchases of groceries at  
Dilton, five miles west of the house,  
and at Mannford, seven miles east,  
by Brackett, and a large number of  
cars arriving at and leaving the  
house all hours of the day and night,  
first centered the attention of au-  
thorities on the obscure place.

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Then not long ago two farmers living near by who were cutting timber on the place, reported that men were "target shooting" with rapid-fire guns on the place. One of them took a sample of the bullets found on the range, located about a mile from the highway, to Jack Airy, chief of police at Drumright. The bullets were identified as having been fired from a machine gun.

#### Constantly Watched.

Since that time the house has been constantly watched. It was noticed that no plans were made for breaking ground for spring crops; that the cattle feeding, which last year had occupied Brackett constantly, did not require so much of his time. Arrivals of cars were checked and license numbers noted.

With the co-operation of the department of justice, Operative Hollis and Captain Stewart of the Tulsa police department, this morning's raid was planned.

All officers who were to participate were informed and their parts were rehearsed carefully. Maps were drawn and the duty of each party and individual was carefully detailed.

#### Inclined to Wait.

However it was not expected last night that the raid would be made today. It was known that Wright had been at the place and it was believed that Campbell and the Barker brothers also had been visitors there. Wanting the last three named for many jobs, federal operatives were inclined to wait until they were sure their prey would be there.

However, this morning at 2 o'clock a car drove up to the place and two men got out. Wright and Brophy had been seen to leave the place earlier and it was believed that possibly the Barkers had come in.

The raid was called and at dawn the officers mobilized at their designated places. Silently they crept up on the house from three sides, leaving the glass enclosed room occupied by Wright unprotected in that it was believed that a constant lookout was kept from his room.

#### House Surrounded.

Stealing through the draw the heavily armed men had completely surrounded the house before any of its occupants knew what was going on.

Captain Stewart, Jim Bracewell of the Kansas state police department; Floyd Sellers of Sapulpa and United States Operative Hollis crashed into the front and rear doors at a given signal. Stewart and Hollis threw machine guns into Wright's stomach.

McAfee grabbed for a pistol but was persuaded by a posseman that such action would be fatal. Few words were spoken by either the raiders or the group arrested.

The interior of the shack offered

an odd contrast to its neat exterior. Rough walls, dirty beds and clothing, furniture and guns and ammunition strewn all over the place. Two toy pistols were on a littered dresser. Dolls and other toys of the smaller Brackett girl cluttered up every corner of the place.

In the toys was a story of easy money. Some expensive, some cheap and all were out of place in a house of its type.

Road maps of practically every state in the Union were found in various parts of the house and in the room occupied by Wright was a large wall highway map of the United States. It had been snatched from its hanging place and torn badly in the process.

In the kitchen was food enough to last for at least a week. A 200-pound sack of flour, a stalk of bananas, about 20 pounds of coffee in five-pound cans; five-gallon can of lard; four sides of bacon; a case of eggs, a dozen loaves of bread and large quantities of beans, salt pork and other staples were cached about the kitchen and an untidy lean-to at the rear of the house.

#### Quantity of Chains.

In the barn, which had been converted into a four-car garage, was a large quantity of heavy-duty chains. They were kept in what had been a corncrib. In a lean-to addition to the barn was found, after an all-day search, a new Ford V-8 truck. It had 2,989 miles on the speedometer. It had been concealed from view by the cunning arrangement of hay bales which completely obscured it but which could be removed or replaced in a very few minutes to permit egress to the hiding place.

In a corner and well hidden was found a cache containing three quarts of nitroglycerin.

The truck, believed to have been stolen recently, was equipped with a hand winch and heavy chains and long side-bars. Officers demonstrated the ease with which the group, equipped with the truck, might haul bank safes out and take them to a place where it would be safe to open them by explosives.

#### Raiders Take Rifles.

The raiders took two automatic rifles, one submachine gun, three Lugers, four shotguns, six .45 Colt automatics and more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition from the place. Cartridge boxes, old and weather-beaten, were common sights in the littered grounds of the little house.

A Chevrolet coupe, property of the Bracketts, was the only car left at the place yesterday. The raiding party had driven three others found there to Sapulpa. Pauline Brackett, 14, daughter of the farmer, lamented the fact that the raiders had taken the key to the coupe. She couldn't drive it to the Mannford high school for classes yesterday. Neither could her smaller sister, Allene, 10, attend the district school about a mile away. They had no transportation.



# Raid On Creek County Bandit Hideout Nets Eight Prisoners

## Outlaws Paid Farmer Well; Wanted Fresh Air, Quiet

Fresh air and the peace and quiet of country life were the motives that took four men and two women to a farm west of Mannford, they had told Mrs. Lula Brackett, 41 years old, at whose home the six were arrested in a raid by a large group of officers early yesterday morning.

"They all paid me \$10 a week for room and board," Mrs. Brackett said in explanation of their presence. "They never offered any excuse for wanting to stay out here except that the air was nice and it was quiet here."

"Times have been hard for us during the last year and when that kind of people drop in with the money to pay, their room rent has helped me pay my grocery bill."

She said that when the weather was fair the men would go out for target practice, and the women would get into their automobiles and go for drives.

"All they seemed to want," Mrs. Brackett continued, "was quiet, food and a bed to sleep in. One of the women had to leave her two pet dogs here when the officers took them away, and I suppose we'll have to give them away."

Mrs. Brackett admitted that she had been keeping roomers like that for more than a year, since they moved to the place near Mannford from a farm at the edge of Sapulpa. Previously, the family has lived in Bryan county near Durant.

Brackett was taken to jail with the six roomers. The Bracketts have three daughters, Pauline, 14, who attends Mannford high school; Allene, 10, student in a nearby district school, and an older girl in Oklahoma City.

While the early morning raid interrupted the girls' attendance at school yesterday, both said they planned to continue going to their classes.

Realizing that her husband might be jailed for a considerable period of time, Mrs. Brackett yesterday completed a deal with a neighbor to help her feed their 50 head of cattle, which stood in a nearby field, and to continue with the general farm work.

Merchants in Mannford had extended the Bracketts' credit and the farmer had been successful in borrowing funds from the bank to carry out his cattle feeding program.

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Photograph at left shows the bedroom occupied by Wright. The wide expanse of windows enabled any occupant to have a clear view of approaches to the place. The windows had been installed only recently. At



the right is a view of the truck which had been loaded by hay. Cox and Niles of Drumright are standing at the rear of the vehicle.



Above—The wife and children of Brackett; left to right are Al, 10; Mrs. Brackett and Pauline, 14.



Ira Brackett, tenant of farm.



At the left is the ramshackle barn on the Brackett farm midway between Oilton and Mannford which was raided early yesterday morning by 29 policemen, deputy sheriffs and state and government operatives.

At the right is the house and yesterday's guard detail, composed of Bill Neles, Roy Cox and Ben Crabtree of Drumright.



—Photos by Lee Krupaick, World Bldg.

Above, reading from left to right, are Glen Roy Wright, Ed Brophy, Chester Colner, Frank Downey and John McAtee. The picture was taken in the Creek county jail at Sapulpa a few minutes before the heavily manacled prisoners were started for the state prison at McAlester for safe-keeping.

Mr. Brantley  
 Attached is a clipping  
 sent to me today from Phoenix  
 Arizona. It appeared in a Phoenix  
 paper. I thought it would interest  
 you from the standpoint of  
 investigation and misrepresentation.  
 Hall

## Agents Raid Crime Center

SAPULPA, Okla., Mar. 15.—(UP)—The kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer in St. Paul, the shady past of Harvey Bailey and the ramifications of Twin Cities alcohol rings were linked tonight with a raid on a farmhouse in the Osage foothills near Mannford in which eight persons were captured.

As an aftermath of the sortie federal agents and non-communicative state and county officers hoped to solve a series of crimes ranging from the \$200,000 Bremer abduction down to the \$40 looting of a country store at Billings, Okla.

In custody and safely behind walls of the state penitentiary at McAlester were Glenn Roy Wright, 34 years old, Alonzo Brisco, alias Ed Brophy, 38; Charles Cothier, 35, Cookson Hills police character; Frank Downer and John McAtee.

Wright had been wanted since the summer of 1932 on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal ride that J. Earl Smith, attorney for the notorious Bailey, took at that time. Tulsa detectives believed Smith was slain because he tried to avoid defending Bailey in a bank robbery case.

It was understood all those held were being questioned for possible clues in the Bremer abduction. The links between the raid and the kidnaping appeared nebulous and based on circumstance and deduction.

H. E. Hollis, agent of the U. S.

Bureau of Investigation, participated in the raid.

It was learned from his chief, Paul Hansen, investigator in the bureau's office at Oklahoma City, that possibilities of Wright and Brisco being in touch with the Bremer kidnap gang were under examination.

"We're checking everybody in connection with that kidnaping just now in fact," Hansen said at Oklahoma City, "though I wouldn't say that any of those held are wanted for it."

Hansen denied that the raiders expected or hoped to find Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, suspects in the Bremer case, at the farm house where the group was captured.

Karpis and Wright, however, are known to have been associates. Both were understood to have been in touch with the gang of Bailey, one-time Twin Cities liquor figure and later a big-time bank robber. Bailey is now serving a life sentence—the second he has received—for participation in the \$200,000 Charles F. Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

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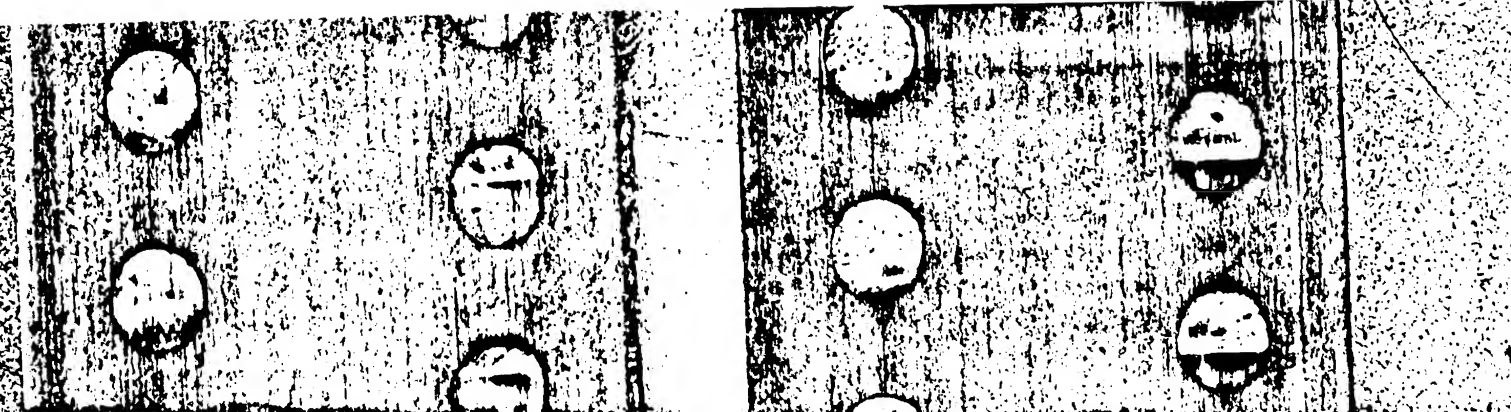
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PLACES AND LIQUOR JOINTS AND OTHER LIKE PLACES COVERED NIGHTLY  
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LEAD IS BEING CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED STOP WILL WIRE AGAIN  
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*Mr. Nathan*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While calling from Oklahoma City on another matter, Mr. Nathan advised that in connection with the interview that he is to have with prisoner Kramer at New York, he noted that informant Alcorn had requested that Kramer be interviewed under cover as a lawyer. Mr. Nathan is of the opinion that this is undesirable, stating that he did not think we could deceive the Warden. He also referred to the fact that the request was made that a relative of Kramer be present at the interview. He stated that he did not think this was advisable. Mr. Nathan stated that he would go to see Alcorn on his arrival at New York.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

*I agree with Mr. Nathan.*  
*J. C. H.*

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Director,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of my telephone conversation of the 29th instant with Mr. H. H. Clegg, this is to advise that on the aforementioned date Mr. J. A. Bracewell, Special Agent, for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kansas City, Missouri, called at the St. Paul office to talk generally in connection with the Barker-Karpis gang. He stated that he is in St. Paul on other business and has worked with agents from the Division and other peace officers for the past several years and is somewhat familiar with the criminal element of Missouri and Oklahoma.

During the course of our conversation he informed me that he was on the recent Oklahoma raid when Glenn Roy Wright and others were apprehended. I asked him if at the time of that raid, he knew that this Division had identified any of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, and he stated that he knew that the Division had identified Arthur R. (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis. I asked him how he had secured that information prior to the raid and he stated that Special Agent Paul Hanson of the Oklahoma City office had told him. He said that on February 18, 1934, the day after the Cookson raid in Oklahoma, that he was talking to Agent Paul Hanson, but that he believes that Paul Hanson merely told him that the Division had "made Doc Barker and Karpis". He stated that he cannot recall whether Hanson told him just how the identification had been made.

At this point he stated that he understands that the Division is of the impression that Special Agent H. H. Hollis was responsible for the leak to the press on the aforementioned identification. He stated that he has known and worked with Hollis for

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a long time and thinks very highly of him and does not believe that Hollis gave out the information. It was evident that he did not desire me to believe that Hollis was responsible for this newspaper leak and consequently I asked him whether he had the information prior to the Glenn Roy Wright raid. He stated that he believes he received the information concerning the positive identification prior to the Wright raid at Tulsa, Oklahoma from Mr. Wentz Smith of Topeka, Kansas and who is head of the Kansas State Police. He stated that it is his impression that Smith informed him that he had received the information from an agent from the Kansas City office.

He stated that there were three newspaper reporters who accompanied the police officers in the raid, which resulted in the arrest of Glenn Roy Wright and others; that one of these reporters was Mr. Voight of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one was a girl, and the other a man, the names of the last two being unknown to him.

He stated that shortly after this raid he was with Agent Hollis when Hollis received a telephone call from Voight and that he overheard Hollis' conversation; that it appeared that Voight was asking for information, which Hollis considered confidential, and that he remembers that Hollis informed Voight over the 'phone that he could not furnish him the information which Voight desired.

I asked Bracewell if, to his knowledge, anyone, on the Glenn Roy Wright raid, had knowledge of how "Doc" Barker and Karpis had been identified by the Division and he stated that a peace officer named George Stewart (or Stuart) knew of the manner of identification.

The above information was obtained in the morning and in the afternoon Mr. Bracewell was again interviewed, together with Mr. H. Nathan, Assistant Director.

Bracewell stated that sometime after the Wright raid that Mr. Mayer of the Tulsa World informed him that an Agent of this Division had questioned him as to the source of the newspaper story of the identification and merely advised that the Division suspected that Special Agent Hollis had given it to the newspaper.

Bracewell stated that since the Wright raid on one occasion he was at either the office or home of E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, at which time Special Agent Hollis entered on which occasion he asked Hollis if he was getting in any trouble over the newspaper leak, and that Hollis indicated that he was not. Bracewell stated emphatically that he is sure that Mr. Kirkpatrick knew of the identification of Barker and Karpis prior to the Wright raid; ~~that~~ he stated that he does not know where Kirkpatrick obtained the information. He stated that he is quite sure that Kirkpatrick did not obtain it from Wentz Smith. He stated that Kirkpatrick is a very close friend and admirer of Special Agent Hollis. Mr. Nathan asked Bracewell how he would consider getting to the bottom of this leak without injuring anyone and Bracewell stated that he would suggest that Mr. Nathan frankly discuss the matter with Agent Hollis with a view to determining from Hollis how the matter reached the press. Bracewell is of the opinion that Hollis did not give the information to the press; however, it is significant to note that according to Bracewell, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who maintains an office at Tulsa, had the information concerning the identification prior to the Wright raid and he could not explain where Kirkpatrick obtained it.

In discussing this matter over the telephone today with Mr. H. H. Clegg he read to me a paragraph from a letter from the Oklahoma City office in this matter in which, according to my recollection, referred to the fact that Mr. Bracewell had informed someone of the Oklahoma City office that he first obtained his information in this matter either from Texas or from Kansas City. From what Mr. Clegg read me, I am unable to determine who at the Oklahoma office secured this information concerning Bracewell. Mr. Bracewell stated that he is positive that when he was visiting with E. E. Kirkpatrick, at



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which time Hollis was present, that Hollis asked Bracewell where he first obtained the information and that he told Hollis that he had received it from Mr. Wentz Smith. He stated that he is sure that this is the information that he furnished Hollis.

Mr. Bracewell stated that he is positive a George Stewart, aforementioned, who is connected with the Tulsa Police Department and on the Wright raid, had the information concerning the identification of Barker and Karpis at the time of the raid, but does not know where Stewart obtained the information.

From the above it appears probably that either Stewart or Kirkpatrick could have furnished the information to the press.

Mr. Nathan is being furnished with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>April 2, 1934</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/20-28/1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>K. R. MCINTIRE</b>	JMS
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted in the following towns in Illinois in an effort to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held: Barrington Ela Lake Zurich Long Grove Volo Wauconda Gurnee Loon Lake Solon Mills Milburn Russell Madawaska Winthrop Harbor Zion Antioch Lake Villa Richmond Spring Grove. Investigation without results to date.				
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 1934.				
DETAILS: Investigation has been conducted in the towns in Illinois noted in the synopsis of this report in an effort to locate the hideout in which Bremer was held, without results. Investigation submitted in the form of memoranda furnished by each investigating agent.				
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HIDEOUT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. W. Peterson, on March 28, 1934, for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Antioch, Illinois  
Lake Villa, Illinois  
Loon Lake, Illinois  
Richmond, Illinois  
Solon Mills, Illinois  
Spring Grove, Illinois

ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS:

Mr. James F. Horan, Postmaster, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. Antioch, Illinois has a population of about eleven hundred individuals and is situated in the heart of Lake County with its attending summer resorts. There is a stationary fire siren in Antioch which is sounded at noon each day except Sunday. The siren is sounded at no other time except in case of fire. Sirens of surrounding towns cannot be heard in Antioch. There are no factories located in Antioch and it is not possible to hear factory whistles of other towns. Three churches are located there, namely: Methodist, Episcopalian and Catholic. The bell of the Methodist Church is rung at 11 A.M. each Sunday and the bell of the Episcopalian Church is likewise rung on Sunday. The bells of the two churches named above never ring on Saturdays. With reference to the Catholic Church, Mr. Horan advised that the bell of this church is rung at 7.45 A.M. each day of the week and on Sunday the bell of the Catholic Church is rung at 7.45 A.M. and 9.45 A.M. It is never rung on Saturday afternoons or evenings. The Soo Line Railway passes through Antioch, Illinois. Following is a schedule of the trains arriving in Antioch, Illinois:

6.40 A.M. - to Chicago  
8.40 P.M. - to Chicago  
2.20 A.M. - from Chicago  
7.11 P.M. - From Chicago

There are no through trains passing through Antioch. There are two freight trains, each of which goes in an opposite direction, in Antioch daily.

Mr. Horan stated that there is little activity in Antioch, Illinois during the winter months but a number of hoodlums frequent Antioch and adjoining territory during the summer. "Bugs" Moran, and Leo Mongoven, well known Chicago gangsters, own a home near Antioch. This place was formerly an old hotel but has been remodeled and affords somewhat of a refuge for gangsters during the summer months. "Bugs" Moran and Leo Mongoven are known to Mr. Horan. Prior to his appointment as Postmaster, Mr. Horan was engaged in the freight business. In connection therewith he frequently delivered freight to the Moran place. A description of the hideout was provided to Mr. Horan but he advised that same would not compare with the Moran place. Mr. Horan further stated that "Bugs" Moran and Mongoven have not been staying in Antioch since last fall. The only individual present on the premises is a caretaker. It would have been impossible for strangers to have been staying at "Bugs" Moran's place without arousing suspicion and causing rumors among the Antioch population, according to Mr. Horan.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were exhibited to Mr. Horan. He was unable to remember having seen these individuals, although he remarked that the picture of Arthur Barker resembles an individual whom he saw in various taverns in the vicinity of Antioch prior to the repeal of prohibition. This individual was always alone and was alleged to have been handling liquor from Florida. No further information concerning this man could be developed.

E. Preenlee, Service Man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Antioch, Illinois, when interviewed was furnished with a description of the hideout but he was unable to supply any information of value to this inquiry. The territory assigned to him includes Antioch, Illinois, Russell, Illinois, Charnell Lake, Lake Marie and Lake Catherine.

S. Simonson, Village Marshall, Antioch, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that his duties include the reading of all water meters in Antioch and that in connection with said duties he entered each basement located in the town. Mr. Simonson stated that there are no basements in Antioch which would be suitable for living quarters. A description of the hideout was provided to Mr. Simonson and he stated that he is positive that a place answering said description is not located in Antioch. Photographs of the above mentioned suspects were exhibited to Mr. Simonson without result.



C. B. Schultis of C. E. Schultis and Son, Grocery Store, Antioch, Illinois, was interviewed. Photographs of the individuals listed above were shown to him, and he stated that the photograph of Alvin Karpis is the only picture that bears any resemblance to anyone he might have seen. No further information was available. Mr. Schultis was also furnished with a description of the hideout but he was unable to remember having seen a place resembling said description. According to Mr. Schultis, "Bugs Moran" and Leo Mongoven as well as one Mrs. Cassidy a sister of Mongoven, were formerly customers of the Schultis store. "Bugs" Moran's place is a three story building which was formerly a hotel. It was not believed by Mr. Schultis that the Moran place would answer the description of the hideout. He is also Secretary of the Antioch, Illinois Fire Department. At the request of the writer he furnished a list of the fire calls which were received in January, 1934. This list appears below:

Date:	Time:
1/7/34	4.50 P.M.
1/14/34	2.45 P.M.
1/15/34	8.25 P.M.
1/16/34	1.00 P.M.
1/21/34	4.00 P.M.
1/21/34	5.30 P.M.
1/27/34	11.50 A.M.
1/30/34	5.40 P.M.
1/31/34	5.40 P.M.
1/31/34	6.25 P.M.

The Antioch, Illinois fire siren was not sounded on January 28, 1934.

Lester Osborn, Mail Carrier, 950 Lake, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. He stated that his mail route covers a distance of thirty-five miles, a large part of which is situated in the lake region. Mr. Osborn further advised that he delivers mail to the "Bugs" Moran Home. He stated that with the sole exception of a caretaker, who is a local boy, there has been no one at the Moran place during the past winter. He further advised that the description of the "Bugs" Moran place does not correspond with the description of the hideout. The Moran place is built in the side of a hill. Prior to entering the first floor it is necessary to descend several steps after which it becomes necessary to walk about twenty steps farther before entering the lower floor. This floor is even with the street level and no additional descent is necessary in order to enter. The interior of the basement does not correspond with the hideout according to Mr. Osborn.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to Mr. Osborn but he was unable to identify same. Said photographs were also exhibited to the following individuals with negative results:

M. Ray Smith, Proprietor, Red Crown Service Station  
R. L. Murrie, Proprietor, Standard Oil Filling Station  
B. Ray, Filling Station Proprietor

W. A. Rosing, proprietor, Ford Garage, and also the Shell Service Station, Antioch, Illinois, has been supervisor of the township and in this capacity he had charge of granting beer licenses to taverns. Mr. Rosing stated that he has covered the township very thoroughly but within his knowledge he has not seen the individuals whose photographs were shown to him.

L. Thompson, 1551 Sherman, Northbrook, Illinois was interviewed. He is a meter reader for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois and his territory includes Antioch, Illinois and surrounding territory. He was unable to remember having seen a basement resembling the hideout. He further stated that he had been in the basement of "Bugs" Moran's place, but it fails to answer the description of the hideout.

There are two drug stores in Antioch, Illinois. Helen Cribb, Manager, Reeves Drug Store, was interviewed. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to her with negative results. She expressed the opinion that the photograph of Volney Davis appears somewhat familiar.

H. L. Gilbraith, proprietor, Kings Drug Store, was also interviewed at which time the photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He was unable to identify said photographs although he expressed an opinion that the picture of Fred Barker appeared rather familiar. Mr. Gilbraith stated that if he has ever seen Fred Barker it probably occurred in the drug store.

#### LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. H. M. Ballenger, Postmistress, Lake Villa, Illinois was interviewed. There is a population of about four hundred people in Lake Villa. It is a summer resort town and there is very little activity there from about September until the following May. Lake Villa has a stationary fire siren. It is sounded each day, including Sunday, at 12 noon. It is also possible to frequently hear the sirens of other towns at noon and evening, although said sirens are not heard regularly.

There are no factories situated in or near Lake Villa, Illinois and the factory whistles of other towns are not audible. One church, namely the Methodist Church, is located in Lake Villa. The bell of this church is rung on Sundays at ten o'clock and eleven o'clock in the morning. It never rings on Saturdays. Church bells located in other communities are not audible in the village. The Soo Line Railway passes through Lake Villa, Illinois. The schedule of trains arriving in Lake Villa appears below:

2.30 A.M.	northbound
6.55 A.M.	southbound
7.00 P.M.	northbound
9.10 P.M.	southbound

There is very little switching in Lake Villa, Illinois. Occasional planes fly overhead. There is no village water system and no individual reads water meters in Lake Villa.

All meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Northbrook, Illinois (eighteen in number) were interviewed by the writer. Said water meter readers have jurisdiction of Lake Villa, Illinois.

Fred Hamlin, Chief, Fire Department, Lake Villa, Illinois upon interview stated that the Lake Villa fire siren sounded at 12 o'clock noon on January 28, 1932, and that it was sounded again on the same date at 2 P.M. for trial purposes. Mr. Hamlin stated that he has resided in Lake Villa for a period of forty years, and that he is well acquainted with the structure of the various homes in the village as well as in the surrounding territory. Mr. Hamlin advised that there are no basements in the locality which could possibly be used for living quarters. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Hamlin but he was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry.

Only one drug store is located in Lake Villa. F. S. Boyd, Clerk, Hooper's Drug Store, was interviewed at which time photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were shown to him. He stated that the photograph of Volney Davis resembles some one he has seen in Hooper's Drug Store. The individual to whom he referred has not been seen recently and the sole information which was available from Mr. Boyd was that the picture of Volney Davis appeared familiar.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were also exhibited to the following individuals with negative results:

E. O. Hucker, proprietor, Hucker's Garage, Lake Villa.  
A. Haley, Rentner and Haley Chevrolet Garage, Lake Villa.  
Frank Sciacero, Rentner and Haley Service Station, Lake Villa.

G. Swanson, Swanson's Garage, Lake Villa, Illinois when interviewed stated that the photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur Barker appeared familiar. After a considerable amount of questioning he stated that he is of the opinion that he saw Barker and Davis in the summer of 1933 or the fall of 1933; that they were driving a 1928 Chevrolet coach at that time; that about three or four men were in the car and that these individuals were headed for Fourth Lake. Mr. Swanson's recollection of the men in question was very hazy and he was unable to furnish any additional details. Fourth Lake is a summer resort which is located about five miles from Lake Villa.

#### FOURTH LAKE, ILLINOIS:

Investigation at Fourth Lake disclosed that practically all cottages surrounding the lake are uninhabited during the winter months. Only six families have resided in cottages near Fourth Lake during the past winter.

Dave Theehes, Fourth Lake, was interviewed. He owns property surrounding Fourth Lake and rents boats and cottages during the summer months. Mr. Theehes stated that it is possible to hear the siren located in Lake Villa, Illinois. This siren is sounded each day at 12 noon. There is no siren in Fourth Lake. Although no factories are situated in Fourth Lake it is possible to hear a factory whistle at 7 A.M. twelve noon and 5 P.M. A church is not located in or near Fourth Lake and no church bells are audible. The nearest trains are those passing through Lake Villa, Illinois. Occasional aeroplanes pass overhead. Mr. Theehes stated that all buildings near Fourth Lake are typical summer cottages. There are no basements in said cottages. No strangers have been in the vicinity of Fourth Lake during the past winter months according to Mr. Theehes. He stated that it would be impossible for strangers to live near Fourth Lake without his knowledge. He further advised that all individuals who have been frequenting Fourth Lake during the past several months are known to him. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mr. Dan Theehes. He stated that within his knowledge he has never seen these individuals



and that he is positive that they have not frequented Fourth Lake during the winter of 1933-1934.

C. W. Williamson, Manager of the sub-division Fourth Lake, Illinois was interviewed at which time the photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He stated that he is in charge of the realty surrounding Fourth Lake; that he is on the premises constantly and that he is confident that the individuals whose photographs were shown to him have not been living near Fourth Lake during the past several months. Mr. Williams stated that only six families have remained at Fourth Lake during the past winter. The members of these families are known to Mr. Williams and no strangers have been observed. There are no basements near Fourth Lake that are habitable.

Mrs. Thor Alfredson, Fourth Lake, Wisconsin was interviewed in the absence of her husband. Mr. Alfredson rents boats to individuals who visit Fourth Lake during the summer months. She stated that the cottage of Mrs. Johnson is the sole cottage near Fourth Lake which has a basement and that same is not habitable. She corroborated the statements of Mr. Williamson and Mr. Theehes to the effect that no strangers have been observed near the vicinity of Fourth Lake during the past winter months. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mrs. Alfredson but she was unable to recognize same.

There are no places of business in Fourth Lake and no Post Office is located there.

LOON LAKE, ILLINOIS:

Mr. Charles Cermak, proprietor, Cermak's Loon Lake Store, was interviewed. Loon Lake is a summer resort village. During the past winter months only about three families have remained in Loon Lake. The residence buildings consist solely of cottages which surround the lake. There is no Post Office in Loon Lake and the mail is delivered by the Antioch, Illinois Postal Carrier. No siren is located in Loon Lake. The siren in Antioch which sounds each day at twelve noon is heard in Loon Lake however. There is no factory located near Loon Lake and it is impossible to hear a factory whistle of other towns, although a boys school located a few miles distant has a whistle which is sounded each morning at six o'clock. There are no schools or churches in Loon Lake. On extremely rare occasions the Catholic Church bell located in Antioch can be heard. The Soo Line Railway passes through Loon Lake. A train which passes through

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Loon Lake at 9 P.M. enroute to Chicago stops only when signalled. No other trains stop. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis were exhibited to Charles Cermak and to his son who is also employed in the store. They were unable to identify the photographs. Mr. Cermak stated that he has lived in Loon Lake for ten years; that he knows all individuals who frequent Loon Lake; that in addition thereto he visits almost all cottages for the purpose of making deliveries, and that he is confident that the individuals whose photographs were shown him have never lived in the vicinity of Loon Lake. There have been no strangers in Loon Lake during the past winter according to Mr. Cermak.

H. Greenlee, Service Man, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Antioch, Illinois was interviewed. Loon Lake lies within the territory covered by Mr. Greenlee. No information pertinent to this inquiry could be developed.

All meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois were interviewed by the writer in Northbrook, Illinois. Loon Lake lies within the territory covered by these men.

#### RICHMOND, ILLINOIS:

John H. Ryan, Acting Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, was interviewed. A stationary fire siren is located in Richmond, Illinois. It is sounded each day except Sundays at 12 noon and for fire. There are no factories located near Richmond and factory whistles of other localities are not audible. There are three churches in Richmond, Illinois, namely: Congregational, Methodist and Catholic. The Congregational and Catholic Churches are not equipped with bells. The bell of the Methodist Church is rung on Sundays only and is not rung on Saturdays. The Crystal Lake and Lake Geneva division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through Richmond, Illinois. A schedule of the passenger trains appears below:

7.58 A.M. - Southbound  
10.33 A.M. - Northbound  
2.40 P.M. - Southbound  
5.40 P.M. - Northbound

A freight train which arrives at approximately 6.30 A.M. (no definite time) carries mail. Another freight train passes through Richmond each day. Very little switching occurs in Richmond. There are occasional aeroplanes flying over the village.

Richmond, Illinois has a population of five hundred fifty people. Two rural carriers work out of the Richmond Post Office. Said carriers are Frank G. Motley and LeRoy Todd. The Richmond Post Office has jurisdiction over Twin Lakes, Wisconsin in which locality the home of Harvey Bailey is located. The wife of Harvey Bailey, who is known as Mrs. Brennan, and son Von Brennan, still reside near Twin Lakes. Mail is delivered to Mrs. Brennan and Von Brennan by LeRoy Todd. A brother of Harvey Bailey, one Err R. Bailey formerly resided in the Twin Lakes area but moved to Bristol, Wisconsin about ten days ago.

There have been no suspicious characters seen in Richmond, Illinois during the past several months. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Ryan but he was unable to identify same.

Edith Bamas, Assistant to Postmaster John H. Ryan, Richmond, Illinois was also interviewed and photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to her, without results.

LeRoy Todd, Mail Carrier, Richmond, Illinois was interviewed at which time a description of the hideout was furnished to him. He delivers mail for a distance of thirty miles. Mr. Todd was unable to recall having seen a place which would correspond to the description of the hideout. Photographs of the six individuals previously mentioned were shown to Mr. Todd but he was unable to identify same.

Frank G. Motley, Mail Carrier, Richmond, Illinois when interviewed was furnished with a description of the hideout and was also shown the six photographs referred to above. No information was available concerning the hideout or the individuals whose photographs were exhibited to him.

The writer interviewed the following individuals in Richmond and exhibited to them photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker, and Harry Campbell:

- Leo Karls, Clerk, J.G. Stevens Grocery and meat Market
- L. J. Burton, Burton's Grocery
- Mrs. W. H. Topper, Clerk, O'Brien's Pharmacy
- W. H. Topper, Manager, O'Brien's Pharmacy
- C. H. Grant, attendant, Texaco Service Station
- F. W. Foley, proprietor, Foley's Garage and service station
- C. C. Stewart, proprietor, Stewart's Nippersink Garage
- E. L. Buchert, Mechanic, Stewart's Nippersink Garage
- Frank Dammier, Stewart's Nippersink Garage

Mr. W. H. Topper, Manager, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Richmond, Ill. stated that the photograph of Volney Davis resembles a man who entered O'Brien's Pharmacy one night prior to Christmas 1933. The individual in question was accompanied by two other men. These men have never been seen prior or subsequent to that time and no additional information relative thereto was available. The other individuals interviewed were unable to recognize the photographs.

Otto Buchert, village marshal, was interviewed at which time description of the hideout was furnished to him. Mr. Buchert reads the water meters for the village of Richmond and in that capacity has access to the basements of all homes in the village. He stated that he has never observed a place corresponding to the description of the hideout. Photographs of the six individuals listed previously were exhibited to Otto Buchert with negative results.

W. E. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Stamm reads all meters for the above company throughout an area of six miles in width and twenty five miles in length in McHenry County, Illinois. In addition to rural territory Mr. Stamm reads meters in the following places: Grass Lake, Lotus Woods, Wildwood, Spring Grove, Solon Mills, Fox River Springs, Richmond, Hebron, Alden, Big Foot and Bingwood, Illinois. He also reads meters in the subdivision located on Pistakee Lake. A complete description of the hideout and samples of the wallpaper found therein were shown to Mr. Stamm. He was unable to remember having seen a place which would correspond to the description of the hideout. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited to Mr. Stamm with negative results.

Inquiry at the office of the telephone company, Richmond, Illinois developed that the installation and service work in the locality is performed by William Helm, Hebron, Illinois. Investigation at Hebron, Illinois being conducted by another Agent.

William Freeman, Secretary, Fire Department, Richmond, Ill. upon interview produced his records which reflect that a fire call was received on January 26, 1934, and on February 8, 1934. Mr. Freeman advised that no fire call was received on January 28, 1934.



SOLON MILLS, ILLINOIS:

Leon Hodge, Postmaster, was interviewed. Solon Mills has a population of 125 people. There is no siren located in Solon Mills, Ill. On very rare occasions the siren of Spring Grove is heard in Solon Mills. The siren of Spring Grove is sounded only in case of fire. No factories are located near Solon Mills and no factory whistles are audible. There is one church in Solon Mills. The bell of this church rings on Sundays only. It never rings on Saturdays. Church bells of other communities are not audible in Solon Mills although on rare occasions the Catholic Church bell of Spring Grove may be heard. This church bell rings three times each day, namely at 7 A.M., noon, and 5 P.M. The Chicago, Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Solon Mills. Only one train which arrives at 7.50 A.M. stops in Solon Mills. Mr. Hodge advised the writer that the following trains pass through Solon Mills:

7.50 A.M. eastbound  
10.45 A.M. eastbound  
5.45 P.M. westbound  
7.40 P.M. eastbound  
4.55 P.M. westbound

One local freight train passes through Solon Mills each day and another freight train passes through the village three times per week. Very little switching occurs in the vicinity of Solon Mills. Occasional aeroplanes fly over the village. Mr. Hodge stated that there have been no strangers or suspicious characters in Solon Mills during the past few months. There are only a small number of homes in the village and Mr. Hodge stated that there are no basements in the locality which could be used for living quarters. In addition to the Post Office, the only places of business in Solon Mills are a store and a tavern. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were shown to Mr. Hodge but he was unable to identify same.

H.R. Turner, proprietor, Turner's Grocery, Solon Mills, Ill. was interviewed and photographs of the six individuals listed above were exhibited to him. He was unable to identify said photographs and further advised that there have been no strangers in the village during the past several months. Mr. Turner stated that he has resided in Solon Mills during his entire lifetime; that he is well acquainted with the various homes of the locality and that there are no basements which could be used for living quarters.

Mrs. Gertrude Aubert, Clerk, Turner's Grocery, Solon Mills, Illinois was also interviewed. She was unable to remember having seen any individuals resembling the six photographs which the writer exhibited to her. Said photographs are those referred to previously.

W. C. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois upon interview advised that he reads meters for said company in Solon Mills, Illinois. He was unable to provide any information which might assist in locating the hideout.

There is no water system in Solon Mills.

SPRING GROVE, ILLINOIS:

Bertha M. Esh, Postmistress, Spring Grove, Illinois was interviewed. There is a population of 249 people in Spring Grove. No drug stores are located in the town and only two grocery stores are situated therein. Spring Grove has a fire siren which is used only for fires. The last fire call was received in Spring Grove in December, 1933. There have been no fire calls during January, February or March, 1934. Sirens of other towns are not audible. No factories are located in Spring Grove, Illinois. The whistle of the Bowman Dairy Company, Ringwood, Illinois can be heard if the wind is favorable. This whistle is sounded at 7 o'clock A.M. and at 12 o'clock noon. There are two churches in Spring Grove, Illinois, namely, The Community Church and the Catholic Church. The bell of the Catholic Church is rung each day of the week at 7 o'clock A.M., 12 noon and five P.M. On Sunday the bell of the Catholic church rings at eight o'clock A.M. and ten o'clock A.M. The bell of the Community Church rings only on Sundays. A church bell is not heard on Saturdays other than the Catholic Church bell which rings at the usual hours of 7 A.M., noon and 5 P.M.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Spring Grove, Illinois. A schedule of the passenger trains appears below:

7.45 A.M.	eastbound
10.40 A.M.	westbound
4.30 P.M.	westbound
7.08 P.M.	westbound
8.21 P.M.	westbound
7.35 P.M.	eastbound

Freight trains also pass through Spring Grove, Illinois but very little switching occurs. Occasional aeroplanes pass over Spring Grove, Illinois. There is no village water department in Spring Grove and no individual is employed to read the water meters. No basements in the vicinity of Spring Grove are suitable for living quarters.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur Barker and Harry Campbell were exhibited by the writer to the following individuals during the course of interview:

Bertha M. Esh, Postmistress  
John Lay, proprietor, John Lay Grocery and Market  
Ada Carr, Clerk, N.M. Weber General Store  
Charles J. Freund, Manager, N.M. Weber General Store  
Rick Nett, Manager, Nett's Garage & Filling Station  
Paul Weber, proprietor, Paul's Garage  
Ike Britz, mechanic, Paul's Garage.

The individuals listed above were unable to identify the photographs or furnish any information of value to this inquiry.

W. E. Stamm, meter foreman, McHenry County Power and Light Company, Richmond, Illinois, upon interview advised that he reads meters for the company named above in Spring Grove, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Stamm but he was unable to provide any information pertinent to this inquiry.

The telephone service man for Spring Grove works out of Hebron, Illinois. Another agent is conducting investigation in Hebron.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent V. W. Peterson for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout:

Curlee, Illinois  
Millburn, Illinois  
Russell, Illinois  
Wadsworth, Illinois  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois  
Zion, Illinois

GURNEE, ILLINOIS:

W. K. Kimball, Postmaster, Gurnee, Illinois upon interview advised that the siren of the Gurnee, Illinois fire department is sounded each day at noon and in case of fire. There are no factories in the village of Gurnee, Illinois which has a population of about five hundred people. When the wind is favorable it is possible to hear a factory whistle of a neighboring town at noon. It is also possible to hear the fog horn of Waukegan, Illinois. There is only one church in Gurnee, Illinois, the bell of which church rings only on Sunday and never rings on Saturday. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Gurnee. A train from Chicago enroute to St. Paul stops in Gurnee at two o'clock each afternoon. No other trains stop in the village although trains pass through almost hourly. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes near Gurnee but no trains stop and this line does not have a station in Gurnee. There is very little switching in the vicinity of Gurnee. Mr. Kimball advised that the greater number of homes in the village are one family homes. There is no water system in the village and consequently no individual is employed to read water meters. Mr. Kimball stated that he has not observed any suspicious characters in the vicinity of Gurnee, Illinois. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. Kimball but he was unable to identify same.

Joseph Dada, Chief, Fire Department, was interviewed. He advised that the siren of Gurnee is sounded only at noon each day. At the request of the writer he produced his records which reflect that the Gurnee Fire Department received no calls in January 1934, and that the only fire which occurred in February was on the fifteenth of February, 1934. He corroborated the information provided by Postmaster W. K. Kimball to the effect that there is only one church in Gurnee and that its bell is rung only on Sunday.

Charles Hook, trouble shooter, Warren Mutual Telephone Co. Gurnee, Illinois was interviewed. He was provided with a description of the hideout but was unable to furnish any information which might aid in this inquiry.

R. W. McClure, proprietor, McClure's Garage, Gurnee, Illinois upon interview advised that he has not observed a dark colored Buick sedan in which there were suspicious characters during the past few months. A service station is operated in connection with McClure's Garage and photographs of Volney Davis, Mrs. Arrie Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to all employees of said garage and service station. Said employees are R. W. McClure, proprietor, Rollo Worth, Virden Lamb, Everett W. McClure and Joseph Dada.



Everett W. McClure, McClure's Garage, Gurnee, Illinois, stated that the photograph of Harry Campbell is that of an individual who attempted to defraud him on March 23, 1934. This individual is stated to have attempted to sell him some literature pertaining to the retail gasoline business. Everett W. McClure asked him the price of the literature and the only reply he received was "You have a bill haven't you?". According to Everett McClure, the individual attempted to compel him to give him a bill without disclosing the price of the literature he was selling and thereafter absconding with all money he received. No further information could be developed concerning this individual although Everett McClure advised that he was traveling with another man and a woman in a 1933 Chevrolet coupe. This car was painted black and had black wire wheels. Everett McClure did not have an opportunity to observe the companions of the individual in question and could not describe them. It appears rather unlikely that Harry Campbell would be connected with a "sheep racket" of this nature, but Everett McClure was rather positive of the photograph identification. Everett McClure was alone in the garage when he was approached with reference to the retail gasoline literature. The two men and one woman left Gurnee, Illinois in the Chevrolet coupe in an easterly direction.

MILLBURN, ILLINOIS:

E. Groebli, General Store proprietor, Millburn, Illinois upon interview advised that Millburn is a village of less than 100 inhabitants. There is no Post Office in Millburn and the village is not incorporated. The Groebli store and the E. A. Martin general store are the only places of business in the village. There is no siren located in Millburn. If the wind is favorable it is possible to hear the siren at Antioch on rare occasions. There are no factories in or near Millburn and it is impossible to hear the whistles of factories situated in other towns. There is one church in Millburn. The bell of this church is rung only on Sunday and is never rung on Saturday. No railways pass through Millburn. The Soo Line and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railways pass through Lake Villa, Illinois which is about four miles from Millburn. There is no water system in Millburn and no individuals are employed to read water meters. An air mail route is located over Millburn and air mail planes pass overhead each day. Mr. E. A. Martin, General Store, Millburn, Illinois was also interviewed. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. E. Groebli and Mr. E. A. Martin with negative results.

RUSSELL, ILLINOIS:

H. W. Baneck, Garageman, Russell, Illinois was interviewed at which time photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to him. He advised that these individuals have never visited his garage.

J. H. Kelly, Postmaster, upon interview advised that Russell has a population of sixty people. There is no siren in the village and it is impossible to hear the siren of surrounding towns. There are no factories in Russell and it is only on rare occasions that it is possible to hear a factory whistle of a Zion, Illinois factory. There is one church in Russell namely the Baptist Church. It does not have a bell. Church bells are not rung in the vicinity on Saturdays. With reference to the trains which pass through Russell, Mr. Kelly advised that one passenger train stops in Russell each day at 2.14 P.M. This train is northward bound. There is one freight train each day but very little switching is done. Trains switch in Russell about two or three times each week. Two air mail planes pass over Russell each night. Mr. J. H. Kelly operates a general store in connection with the Post Office. The garage operated by Mr. Baneck and the Kelly store are the only places of business in Russell.

G. J. Kelly, Russell, Illinois was interviewed. He is employed as a clerk in the Kelly store. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to J. H. Kelly and G. J. Kelly but they could not identify same.

WADSWORTH, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. C. Patch, Postmistress, Wadsworth, Illinois, upon interview advised that Wadsworth has a population of one hundred people. There is no siren in Wadsworth and it is impossible to hear the sirens of surrounding towns although when the wind is favorable it is possible to occasionally hear a siren located in Zion, Illinois. There are no factories located in the vicinity of Wadsworth. It is possible to occasionally hear factory whistles located in Waukegan, Illinois. Said whistles are sounded in the mornings and evenings. Only one church is situated in Wadsworth. This church has no bell and it is not possible to hear church bells located in surrounding localities. The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway passes through Wadsworth. A train arriving at 2.10 P.M. from the south stops in Wadsworth. No other trains stop although there are thirty two trains passing through Wadsworth each twenty four hours. Gas and electricity is furnished to the village of Wadsworth, Illinois by the North

Shore Gas Company and by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. The meter readers of said companies have been interviewed. The telephone service is rendered by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Waukegan, Ill. Arrangements are being made to interview the employees of that company.

Mr. O. Patch, proprietor of the store which is operated in conjunction with his wife's Post Office, Wadsworth, Illinois was interviewed. The information which he furnished is identical to that provided by his wife. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Patch with negative results.

J. Foster, Foster's Store, Wadsworth, Illinois when interviewed stated that he has observed no suspicious characters in the vicinity of Wadsworth. Photographs of the individuals listed above were exhibited to him but he was unable to identify same.

Mrs. Frank Shea, Shea's Garage and Service Station, Wadsworth Illinois was interviewed in the absence of her husband who was out of town, at the time of Agent's visit. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were shown to her with negative results. She assists her husband in the operation of his place of business.

WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS:

Lydia Bostetter, Postmistress, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was interviewed. Winthrop Harbor has a population of 661 people. There is no siren in the village but it is possible to hear the siren on the lace factory located in Zion, Illinois at noon and five o'clock. There is no factory in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, but factory whistles of Zion may be heard when the wind is favorable. Said factory whistles sound at the following hours: 6 A.M. 7 A.M. 8 A.M., noon, and 5 P.M. The community church is the only church in Winthrop Harbor. The bell of this church is rung at 10 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Sundays only. It never rings on Saturdays. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway passes through Winthrop Harbor, Ill. The schedule of said line appears below:

6.30 A.M. - southbound  
3.30 P.M. - northbound  
5.30 P.M. - northbound  
7.12 P.M. - northbound

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There is very little switching in Winthrop Harbor. Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker, Lydia Bostetter, without results.

John T. Johnston, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Johnston reads the water meters in Winthrop Harbor. He also owns and operates a garage and in addition thereto Mr. Johnston is a motorcycle officer. A description of the hideout was furnished to Mr. Johnston. He advised that he has never seen any place which would answer this description. Photographs of Volney Davis, Mrs. Arrie Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to Mr. Johnston but he was unable to identify same.

Nellie Anderson, confectionery store proprietress, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois was also interviewed at which time photographs of the individuals listed above were shown to her. Nellie Anderson was unable to provide any information concerning said individuals.

Cecil Knapp, 938 Muirfield, Waukegan, Illinois advised that he reads meters for the Northshore Gas Company, Waukegan, Illinois in Winthrop Harbor and Zion, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished to him but he could provide no information relative thereto. Numerous meter readers for the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Waukegan, Illinois was interviewed with negative results.

#### ZION, ILLINOIS:

Florence Higley, Assistant Postmistress, Zion, Illinois was interviewed. Zion, Illinois has a population of 6000 people. The Zion fire department has a siren which is used in case of fire, and occasionally for police calls and at no other time. There are several factories in Zion. The whistles of said factories are heard each morning noon and evening except on Sundays. The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church of Zion, Illinois of which W. G. Voliva is overseer, controls over two thirds of the population. In addition to this religious organization there are four churches, namely: Methodist, Baptist, which has no church building, Christian Assembly, and the Grove Missionary. The only bell in Zion is located on the Zion Home. This bell is rung each week day at the following hours: 6 A.M. 9 A.M. 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. The bell at 9 A.M. and 9 P.M. rings for the purpose of causing the inhabitants of the town to pause for prayer and at the end of a two minute period the bell is rung again. On Sundays the bell on the Zion Home is rung only at 9 A.M. and 9 P.M.



D. DePaw, 2904 Rachel Street; A. G. McCulloch, 2806 Elizabeth Street; C. J. Ross, 2614 Elisha Street, and Alex DePaw, 2315 Elisha Street, Zion, Illinois were interviewed. These individuals are mail carriers working out of the Zion Post Office. A description of the hideout was furnished to them but they were unable to provide any information of value to this inquiry.

Florence Higley advised that the Chicago and Northwestern Steam Railway and the Northshore Electric Railway pass through Zion. Electric trains arrive in Zion every hour. Following is a schedule of the Chicago and Northwestern trains arriving in Zion, Illinois each day:

Southbound (to Chicago)	Northbound (from Chicago)
6.45 A.M.	8.25 A.M.
7.32 A.M.	10.18 A.M.
8.24 A.M.	1.38 P.M.
10.36 A.M.	3.23 P.M.
11.23 A.M.	3.35 P.M.
4.52 P.M.	5.30 P.M.
	6.41 P.M.
	7.04 P.M.
	7.18 P.M.
	10.30 P.M.

There is no Sunday train service in Zion, Illinois.

E. W. Casperson, Chief, Fire Department, Zion, Illinois was interviewed. Mr. Casperson is also chief of the Zion Police Department. The records of the Zion, Illinois Fire Department reflect that fire calls were received on January 20, 1934, January 28, 1934, and January 30, 1934. Two calls were received on January 28, 1934. The first call was received at 2 P.M. and the second call was received at 3 P.M. The fire siren sounded only at 2 P.M. Mr. Casperson advised that the Zion, Illinois fire siren is used only for fire and Police calls. There are four factories in Zion, Illinois. The whistles of these factories are sounded at 6 A.M., 7 A.M., 8 A.M., noon and 5 P.M. The whistle on the lace factory, which is sounded at noon and five o'clock P.M. sounds quite similar to a siren. Mr. Casperson advised that he has inspected the greater number of homes in Zion, Illinois for fire purposes and that he has never seen any basements which would resemble the hideout.

R. Baurle, Fire Department, Zion, Illinois was also interviewed. The information which he provided was similar to that furnished by Chief Casperson. Erwin M. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, Water Department, Zion, Illinois, upon interview stated that he reads the water meters in Zion, Illinois; that he visits all homes which receive water from the city of Zion, and that he has never seen a basement answering the description of the hideout. James J. Craig, Superintendent, Water Department, Zion, Illinois was also interviewed but no additional information could be developed.

Photographs of Mrs. Arrie Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Arthur Barker and Fred Barker were exhibited to the following individuals with negative results: E. W. Casperson, Chief of Fire Department, R. Baurle, Paul Stewart, Erwin M. Craig, and James J. Craig.

Cecil Knapp, 938 Blairfield, Waukegan, Illinois upon interview advised that he reads gas meters in Zion, Illinois and Winthrop Harbor, Illinois for the Northshore Gas Company, Waukegan, Illinois. A description of the hideout was furnished him but he was unable to provide any information relative thereto. Meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Waukegan, Illinois, were also interviewed without results.

On March 23 and 24, 1934, investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan at the following places, relative to the hideout:

Barrington, Illinois  
Ela, Illinois  
Lake Zurich, Illinois  
Long Grove, Illinois  
Volo, Illinois  
Wauconda, Illinois.

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS: It was learned through Postmaster E. J. Langdon that the siren located here blows each Saturday at noon and for fires; that no factory whistles are heard here, the Jewel Tea Co. being located in the northern section of town, but this has no whistle, and the closest town at which a factory with a whistle is located is Algonquin, a distance of eight miles, which whistle can be heard only on exceptionally clear days; that there are six churches in town, one of which

the St. Paul Lutheran, rings its bell at 6 P.M. on Saturdays and all the rest ring at various times on Sunday mornings; that the mail plane to Madison and St. Paul flies directly overhead at 4.55 P.M. daily.

The town is served by the Chicago & Northwestern RR. which runs a suburban service to Chicago, and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad, which is entirely freight. The following schedule of trains was ascertained for these railroads:

Chicago & North Western

Southbound

5.15 A.M.  
5.35 A.M.  
5.08 A.M.  
6.43 A.M.  
7.00 A.M.  
7.09 A.M.  
7.24 A.M.  
7.49 A.M.  
7.52 A.M.  
8.55 A.M.  
9.10 A.M.  
10.40 A.M.  
10.45 A.M.  
12.05 P.M.  
1.15 P.M.  
2.45 P.M.  
4.10 P.M.  
5.30 P.M.  
6.17 P.M. (through)  
8.15 P.M. (through)  
8.35 P.M.  
10.35 P.M.

Northbound

12.46 A.M.  
2.40 A.M. (through)  
7.45 A.M.  
9.35 A.M.  
10.20 A.M.  
10.45 A.M. (through)  
11.30 A.M.  
1.13 P.M.  
2.20 P.M.  
2.16 P.M.  
4.25 P.M.  
4.43 P.M.  
5.17 P.M.  
5.43 P.M.  
6.10 P.M.  
6.17 P.M.  
6.25 P.M. (through)  
6.43 P.M.  
7.00 P.M.  
7.53 P.M.  
9.15 P.M.  
10.35 P.M.  
11.15 P.M. (through)  
11.36 P.M.

The above are the daily passenger trains, all of which, with the exception of those marked "through" stop at Barrington.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern

Eastbound

12.35 A.M.  
6.00 A.M.  
10.15 A.M. (local)  
12.25 P.M.  
5.25 P.M.

Westbound

2.15 A.M.  
9.15 A.M.  
1.15 P.M. (local)  
4.50 P.M.  
8.50 P.M.

Only the trains marked "local" stop at Barrington. All of the above are freight trains.

It was ascertained through the station agents at both railroads that all trains on both lines blow their whistles several times at crossings before arriving at Barrington and that the whistles on all trains are ordinary train whistles.

H. W. Blood, Station Agent, E. J. & E. R.R. advised that a switch engine on his railroad moves cars from the Jewel Tea Co. to the main tracks from noon to 6.00 P.M. each day and that this engine has an ordinary train whistle which it blows at numerous instances while moving cars.

Postmaster Langdorf and rural carriers Charles Hutchinson, F.L. Bennett and S. L. Landwer, were exhibited pictures of the suspects in this case with negative results. The rural carriers at Barrington serve an area of approximately five square miles around the town, which includes the rural routes out of Lake Zurich, Ill. and the rural district to the south of Wauconda, Ill. They were questioned concerning any house which might answer the description of the hideout and as a result Carrier Landwer suggested the possibility of the cottage of one Frank Kazimour, located on the Fox River, on route 1, out of Barrington, which place is operated as a saloon. Agent accompanied Mr. Landwer to this place and on the pretext of looking for a good fishing location Agent and Landwer engaged a son of Kazimour in conversation and succeeded in viewing the basement. It was found to be approached by five cement steps from the outside but upon entering the basement was found to consist of only two rooms, one of which is used for a store room and the other being formerly used for a bar. The wall of the basement was found to be plain brick and the floors cement, and it did not appear that anyone could have stayed in this place for any length of time due to the dampness.



Paul Purcell, town marshal, and water meter reader, was interviewed. He had been previously interviewed by Agent in connection with case and advised that he had not thought of or discovered any probable places since he was last interviewed. He recognized none of the pictures of suspects as persons he has seen. In the absence of the fire chief, Mr. Purcell obtained, for Agent, a list of all fires at Barrington between the dates of January 17 and February 7, 1934. The dates and time of these fires are as follows: January 19th at 11.00 A.M. January 23rd at 9.30 P.M. January 31 at 9.30 A.M. Mr. Purcell advised that the siren sounded for each of these fires which was a long continuous blast.

Charles Miller, Town assessor, and confectionery store operator, was interviewed and he advised that through his duties as assessor he has been in and appraised practically 95 percent of the houses in and around Barrington. He stated that he knew no one house which would answer the description of the hideout house. He also failed to recognize the photographs of suspects as parties who had ever dealt at his store.

Agent also interviewed V. H. Lageschulte, a coal dealer, and Charles Mint, a coal truck driver, in order to ascertain if these parties had dealt with any strangers in a house of the hideout description, or had sold coal to anyone resembling suspects, but this was without result.

Inquiry was made at all grocery stores, filling stations and the drug store and pictures of suspects exhibited with no result.

AT ELA, ILL.

Inquiry was made by Agent of the operator of the only gasoline station and grocery store in the town, which consists of approximately ten houses. It was learned that no siren is located here or ordinarily heard; that no factory whistles are anywhere nearby; that no churches are closer than three miles, at Lake Zurich; that the closest railroad, the C. & N.W. is four miles distant. Photographs of suspects were exhibited with no results. All houses in this town were viewed by Agent and none appeared to hold any possibilities. There is no Post Office here.

LAKE ZURICH, ILL.

Agent was advised by Otto Frank, Postmaster, that no siren is located here; that only on infrequent intervals are the sirens from Barrington and Wauconda heard; that there are no factories or factory whistles here; that the bell of the Evangelical Church is the only one which rings here and this rings only three times on Sundays. It was determined that the only trains running through this town are freight trains over the E. J. & E. RR, and the schedule for these trains would differ only approximately 15 minutes from the schedule of those trains obtained at Barrington, listed

above.

John Gherke, who had been previously interviewed by Agents relative to the hideout was again contacted and he advised that he had not thought of or discovered any possible houses since the inquiry was made. He also failed to identify photographs of suspects as persons he has seen. Gherke is town marshal and water meter reader.

Inquiry was also made of grocery stores and all gasoline stations at Lake Zurich and photographs of suspects exhibited with negative results.

#### LONG GROVE, ILL.

Agent found this town to consist of approximately twenty houses no Post Office being located here. E. B. Umbenstock, Fire Chief and garage operator was interviewed. He advised that the siren blows here daily at noon; that the only fire during the months of January and February, 1934, was on February 1 at 4.40 P.M. at which time the siren blew. He further advised that there is but one church here which church rings its bell on Sunday mornings only; that the nearest train line is the Soo Railroad, running entirely freights, at a distance of three and one half miles; that there are no factories anywhere near the town and no whistles are heard. Mr. Umbenstock claimed to be familiar with all houses in the vicinity and stated that he knew of no house in the vicinity which would in any way resemble the hideout. He also failed to identify the photographs of suspects as those of any persons he has seen.

VOLO, ILLINOIS It was ascertained through H. Michaelson, who conducts the general store there that there are no sirens, church bells or whistles located in this town and none are heard; that there is no railroad within five miles and no trains are ordinarily heard. He was exhibited photographs of suspects but failed to identify any of them as persons ever having dealt at his store. He further advised that there are no water meters contained in houses here and stated that he is familiar with all houses in the vicinity but that he knew of none which would possibly fit the description of the hideout. There is no Post Office here and by driving about town every house was viewed with none appearing prospective.

WAUCONDA, ILL. It was determined that the siren here blows only on Saturday at noon and for fires; that no factories are located here and no whistles are heard; that there are two churches, the Catholic and the Federated, neither of which rings a bell on Saturday afternoon; that the closest railroad is the E. J. & A. RR which is six miles distant and operates only freight trains. There is no mail delivery or rural routes out of here.

Phil Froelke, fire chief, was interviewed and he advised that the only fire within the period in question was on January 31, 1934; that this was a grass fire and according to the policy of his department no siren was blown for such fire. With reference to a siren, Mr. Froelke advised that a siren located at the Maier's Dairy Farm, two miles west of Wauconda, has a siren which blows at different times. Inquiry at Maier's Farm disclosed that this siren is blown daily at noon and on Sunday, but at no other times.

George Jepson, Town Marshall and water meter reader, stated that no houses which might answer the description of the hideout are located at Wauconda. He viewed the photographs of suspects but stated he could recall seeing no one resembling any of them.

The photographs of suspects were exhibited to attendants of all gasoline filling stations at Wauconda with negative results.

In conjunction with the investigation at the above group of towns the photographs of suspects were also exhibited to attendants of all gasoline filling stations encountered enroute between these towns, but at none of these were they identified as patrons at any time at any of the stations.

P E N D I N G